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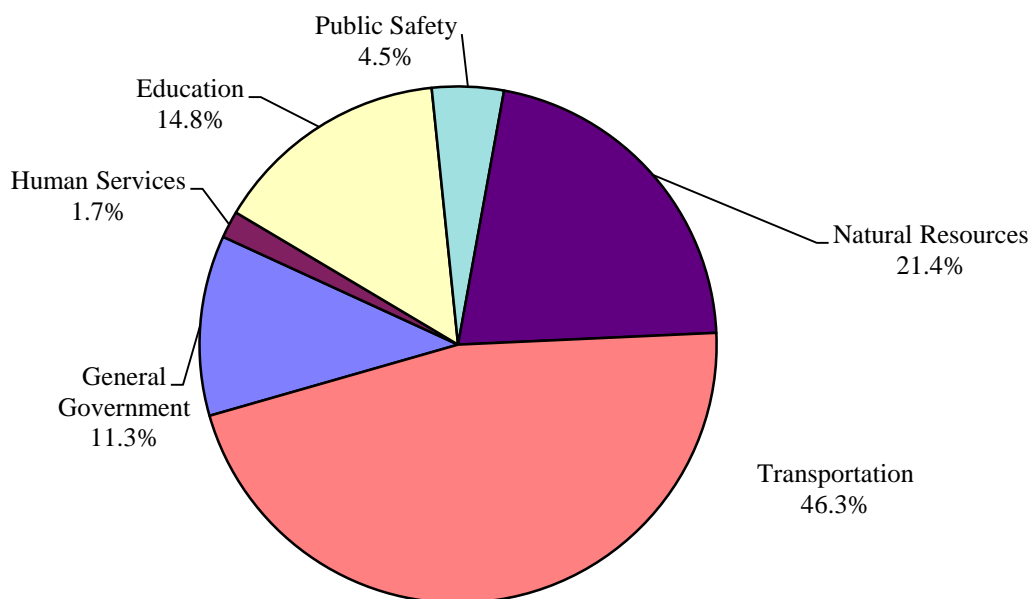
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Capital Budget

Summary

The Governor's five-year capital recommendations for FY 2024 through FY 2028 call for total outlays of \$8,680.6 million for the period. Financing the plan requires \$1,651.9 million of debt issuances and \$7,028.7 million from current revenue streams.

FY 2024 - FY 2028 Capital Projects by Function

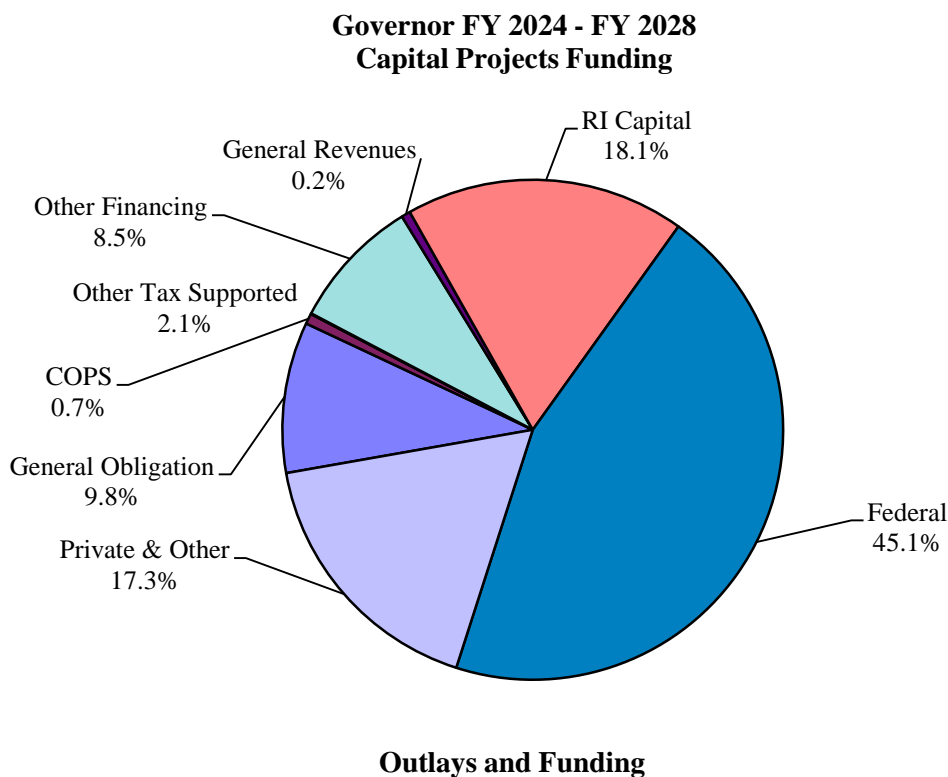


Nearly half of the expenditures are for transportation projects including road and bridges, rail, and public transportation. The next largest shares are for natural resources and education project outlays. The three areas account for over 80 percent of total outlays during the five-year period. Highlights of the capital budget include:

- **Outlays and Funding.** The FY 2024 through FY 2028 plan includes \$8,680.6 million of outlays on \$17,251.6 million of project estimates. Average outlays would be \$1,736.1 million per year for the five-year period with \$475.6 million required at the end of the period to complete the projects.
- **General Obligation Bonds Referenda.** Financing the five-year plan is based on \$847.6 million of general obligation bond debt issuances. In a departure from past practice the Governor's budget intended to assume that future authorizations are in line with the past several issuances, adjusted for inflation and not program future general obligation bonds for specific projects. The average bond referenda over the past five elections was \$327.6 million, including the \$400.0 million approved by the voters in November 2022.
- **Other Debt Approvals.** The Governor's budget does not contain any legislation requesting Assembly authorization to borrow for any projects requiring such approval under the Public Corporation Debt Management Act; however, there are several projects that appear to require that. These include \$9.2 million for the third phase of utility infrastructure upgrades and \$20.0 million to construct a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances water treatment plant at the University of Rhode Island, \$9.5 million for the confined aquatic dredged material disposal cells project, and a project at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport.
- **Financing.** Paying for the five-year outlays includes \$1,651.9 million from debt financing and

\$7,028.7 million from current or pay-go sources. Pay-go represents 81.0 percent with debt funding being 19.0 percent. This is more pay-go funding than prior budgets largely due to the inclusion of \$62.9 million from American Rescue Plan Act Capital Projects funds, \$156.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds, and over \$800 million transferred from general revenues to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund.

- **Debt Levels.** Total net tax supported debt increases during the period through FY 2028 by \$137.2 million from \$1,922.7 million to \$2,059.8 million. Past practice indicates that debt levels will be significantly higher as more projects are added within the five-year period of this capital budget.
- **Debt Ratios.** Net tax supported debt would decrease from 2.5 percent of personal income reported for FY 2022 to 2.4 percent in FY 2028 assuming that the capital budget is not increased. However, as with debt levels, past practice indicates it is likely to be higher than projected.
- **Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund.** The plan relies heavily on the use of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, an important source of pay-go funds designed to reduce the need for borrowing. Total outlays for the five-year period are \$1,567.7 million. This includes the recommended transfer of \$242.2 million from one-time general revenues to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, including \$182.4 million for the state match for federal transportation projects. This is in addition to the \$578.0 million transferred to the fund by the 2022 Assembly.



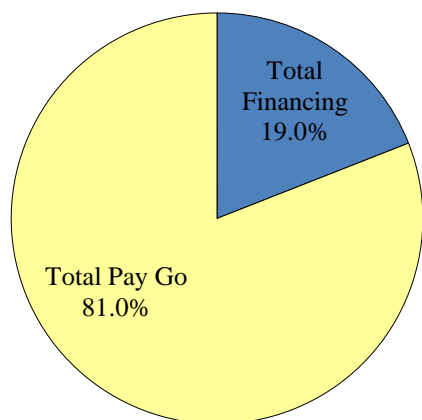
In order to support the maintenance, repair and construction of infrastructure throughout Rhode Island, the state has utilized both funding and financing for infrastructure. Funding can be considered as “pay-go”, which means that annual budgets include sufficient appropriations for projects to continue on schedule, without incurring long term debt. For Rhode Island, this is accomplished primarily through the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, which is described in greater detail elsewhere in this report.

The advantage of this approach is that it does not limit future resources by incurring long term debt service payments; however, it does limit the extent of what can be accomplished to currently available sources.

Because of this, short-term projects for relatively smaller amounts of money, such as asset protection projects, are better suited for pay-go funding, while long term and large-scale infrastructure projects, such as the relocation of Interstate 195, are better suited for financing.

Financing capital projects includes borrowing, usually in the form of long-term debt such as general obligation or revenue bonds. General obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the state, with annual debt service appropriated from general revenues. This type of borrowing is more closely related to state agencies, and the authorizations for this debt appear as referenda on election year ballots.

FY 2024 - FY 2028 Outlays



Revenue bonds are not backed by the full faith and credit of the state, and debt service is paid from a defined revenue stream, such as a user fee. This type of debt has historically been used by quasi-state agencies to fund long-term infrastructure projects. For example, the Turnpike and Bridge Authority uses toll revenue to fund the maintenance of the Newport Pell Bridge. Compared to pay-go funding, financing does not require large up-front investments in order to complete large projects; however, by the time the financing has been completed, issuance and interest costs can significantly add to a project's total cost, and may also require payments long after a facility has been constructed.

The total five-year outlays of \$8,680.6 million are supported by a mix of pay-as-you-go funding and financing. Over two-thirds, 81.0 percent, of outlays are supported by current revenues, or pay-go, with the remaining 19.0 percent from financing. This is more pay-go funding than prior budgets largely due to the inclusion of \$62.9 million from American Rescue Plan Act Capital Project funds, \$156.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds, and over \$800 million transferred from general revenues to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund.

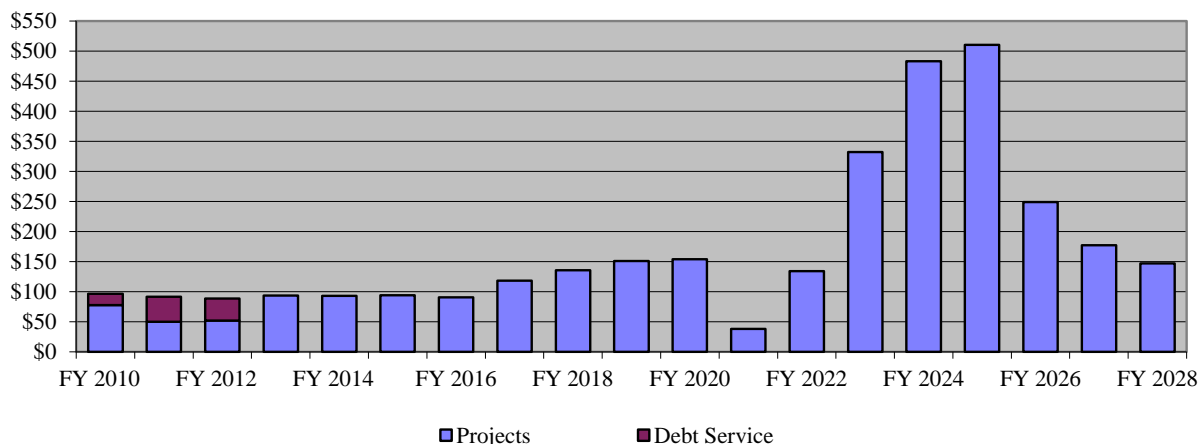
Pay-Go. The pay-go sources include \$3,911.0 million from federal sources, \$1,567.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and \$1,550.0 million from private and other sources. Federal sources are the largest source of capital funding, providing 45.1 percent of all funding and 55.6 percent of pay-go funding. Federal funds include \$62.9 million from American Rescue Plan Act Capital Project funds, and \$156.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds.

A primary source of state pay-go funding is the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. These revenues are derived from the amounts exceeding 5.0 percent of revenues in the state's Budget Stabilization and Cash Reserve Account, or "rainy day fund." The rainy day fund receives 3.0 percent of all revenues and opening surpluses capped at 5.0 percent. Resources above the cap are transferred to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund. Use of the rainy day fund to balance the FY 2020 budget interrupted the normal flow of resources into the Rhode

Island Capital Plan Fund creating a temporary resource shortfall pending payback of the \$120 million, which occurred in FY 2021.

The fund was used nearly exclusively for debt service in the early 1990s. Governor Almond began moving debt service back to general revenues as the economy improved in the latter half of that decade, reserving the capital fund for pay-go capital projects so as not to use any for debt service by FY 2002. However, the economic slowdown caused that to reverse beginning in FY 2002, with significant amounts again used for debt service. The 2006 Assembly noted that the Governor's budget was increasingly relying on these funds for debt service, while increasing the amounts being financed. It submitted a constitutional amendment to limit the use of the fund to capital projects beginning in FY 2008, which the voters approved along with an increase from 3.0 percent to 5.0 percent.

Use of Rhode Island Capital Fund



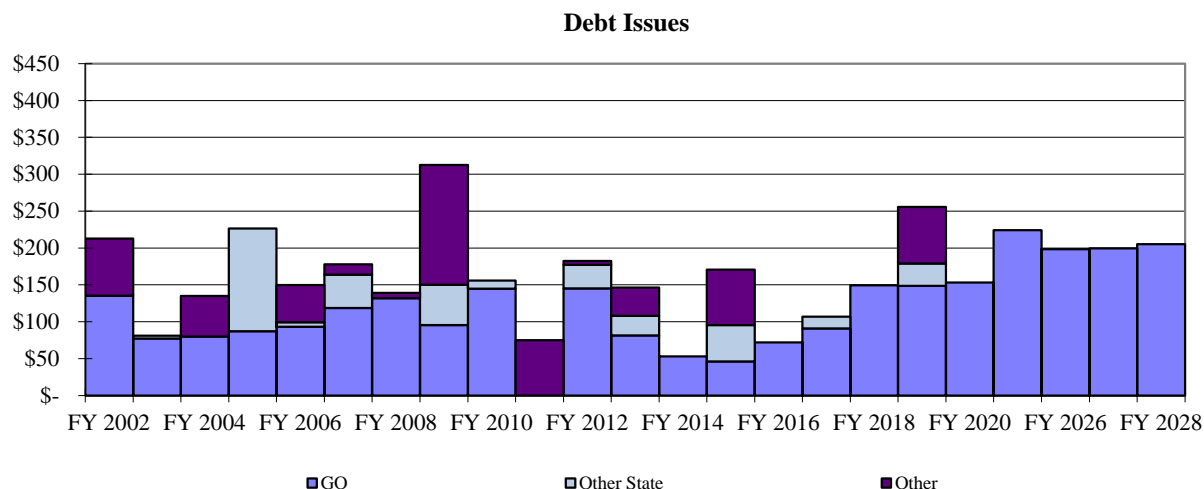
Upon implementation of the constitutional change, resources in the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund grew larger and began to fulfill the purpose of lowering borrowing needs. An example of this is the annual \$27.2 million that has been used in lieu of borrowing to match federal transportation funds. Approximately \$100 million had been transferred to this fund annually and programmed for use through the five-year capital plan. In addition to the transportation uses noted above, another primary use of the fund is for asset protection and other projects at the state's public higher education institutions. These account for about one half of the use of the fund. The remaining half is used for the asset protection and improvements for state buildings, including courts, prisons, hospitals and other state facilities such as dams, piers, parks and office buildings. Many of these ongoing investments are designed to extend the life of the facilities and prevent the need for costly replacements. More recently the state has made major deposits to the Fund from non-recurring surpluses, some of which is serving as state match for significant new federal infrastructure funds. The Governor's recommended budget includes the transfer of \$242.4 million from one-time general revenue funding to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund and the 2022 Assembly transferred \$578.0 million to the Fund. This is shown in the table below.

Transfers to RICF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
2022 Assembly	\$ 563.0	\$ 15.0	\$ 578.0
2023 Governor	-	242.4	242.4
Total	\$ 563.0	\$ 257.4	\$ 820.4

\$ in millions

Debt Financing. Proceeds from financing, \$1,651.9 million, constitute 19.0 percent of the funds available for outlays during the period. Tax supported financing comprises \$910.4 million, including \$847.6 million from general obligation bonds and \$58.9 million through Certificates of Participation. Outlays from tax supported financing are 55.1 percent of the financed outlays and 10.5 percent of all outlays. Other non-tax supported financing supports \$741.5 million of outlays, or 8.5 percent.

The term net tax supported debt refers to all debt for which an appropriation is or may be required. That includes not only general obligation bonds and direct state issuance, but also debt issued by other entities for which the state is pledged to an annual lease payment or to make an appropriation in the event of a default. Debt that is an obligation of the state for which a non-state entity makes the debt service payments is not generally considered as net tax supported debt. An example is the bonds issued for the Narragansett Bay Commission for which the Commission pays the debt service from user charges.



Debt issued by the Colleges and University through the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation is also not included. The five-year budget includes expenditures of \$300.0 million from these bonds. It should be noted that it is the total charges to students that are used in tuition and fee comparisons to other institutions. Any tuition and fees used for debt service are not available for general operating expenses. This forms the context for general revenue requests by the higher education institutions. Further, in the event of insufficient University and College revenues, it is likely that the state would intervene with appropriations rather than allow bondholders to take over assets financed.

Unrestricted Debt Service				
	URI	RIC	CCRI	Total
FY 2015	\$ 23,992,610	4,424,086	2,720,253	\$ 31,136,949
FY 2016	\$ 13,251,194	2,408,090	1,341,228	\$ 17,000,512
FY 2017	\$ 20,880,779	3,641,528	2,450,444	\$ 26,972,751
FY 2018	\$ 27,655,388	7,661,625	2,887,674	\$ 38,204,687
FY 2019	\$ 34,790,206	7,908,810	2,707,744	\$ 45,406,760
FY 2020	\$ 41,047,284	7,847,645	2,703,067	\$ 51,597,996
FY 2021	\$ 39,593,709	7,231,339	2,605,366	\$ 49,430,414
FY 2022	\$ 36,648,450	10,007,040	1,439,411	\$ 48,094,901
FY 2023 Revised	\$ 36,846,185	8,498,125	1,608,686	\$ 46,952,996
FY 2024 Recommended	\$ 41,332,679	11,029,753	973,106	\$ 53,335,538

The table above shows debt service for Higher Education, funded from general revenues and tuition and fees from FY 2015 through the FY 2024 recommended budget. General obligation debt is funded solely from general revenues. For debt issued for projects funded through the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation, debt service is paid from both general revenues and tuition and fees. As the table shows, debt service costs would increase over 70 percent between FY 2015 and FY 2024 based on the Governor's FY 2024 recommended budget. The FY 2016 budget included savings of \$14.6 million and the FY 2017 budget included savings of \$7.6 million from the refinancing of general obligation bond debt.

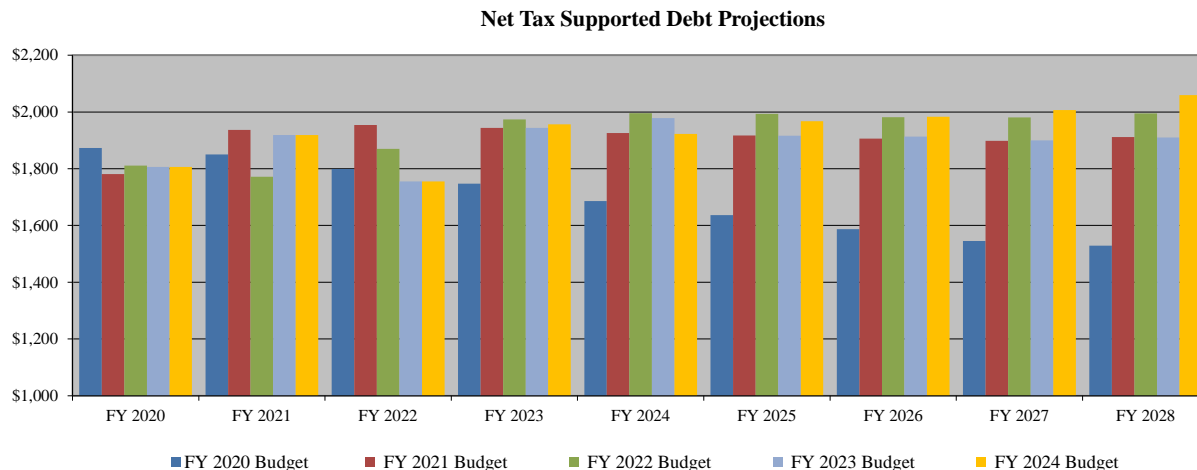
New Debt Authorizations

The Governor's budget does not include any legislation for new debt authority that requires approval by the General Assembly. The Public Debt Management Act requires that all new debt authorizations be approved by the Assembly unless the Governor certifies that federal funds will be available to make all of the payments which the state is or could be obligated to make under the financing lease or guarantee; or the General Assembly has adjourned for the year with the expectation that it will not meet again until the following year and the Governor certifies that action is necessary, because of events occurring after the General Assembly has adjourned, to protect the physical integrity of an essential public facility, to ensure the continued delivery of essential public services, or to maintain the credit worthiness of the state in the financial markets. Select quasi-public agencies are exempt. The 2009 Assembly rescinded the exception previously granted to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

Debt Levels

Total net tax supported debt increases during the period through FY 2028 by \$137.2 million from \$1,922.7 million to \$2,059.8 million. Net tax supported debt had dropped to \$1,280.9 million in FY 2003 after the state used \$247.6 million of special revenue bonds backed by the state's tobacco master settlement agreement to defease general obligation bond debt in FY 2002.

Past practice indicates that this will be significantly higher as more projects are added within the five-year period of this capital budget. The average bond referenda over the past five elections was \$327.6 million, including the \$400.0 million approved by the voters in November 2022. The FY 2025 debt projection presented in the FY 2024 capital budget is \$50.2 million or 3.0 percent more than the FY 2025 projection in the FY 2021 capital budget.

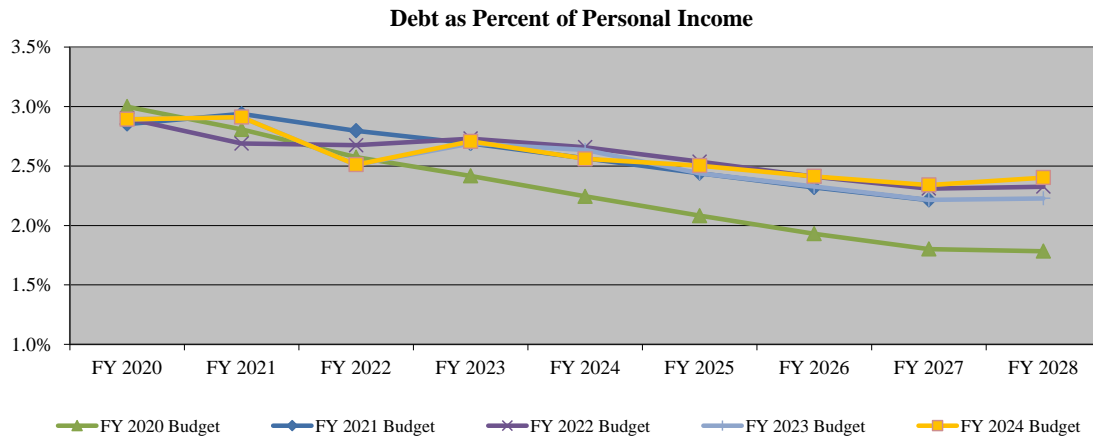


Debt is often expressed as a percent of state personal income as a measure to compare across jurisdictions; state personal income is a rough measure of the state's wealth, and therefore its potential ability to service its debt. Net tax supported debt would decrease from 2.5 percent in FY 2022 to 2.4 percent in FY 2028 assuming that the capital budget is not increased.

Debt ratios began increasing significantly in FY 1988, reaching a peak in FY 1994 of 8.4 percent of personal income as the Depositors Economic Protection Corporation and Convention Center debt was added. The current and prior administrations have expressed the reduction of that ratio as a major capital policy goal. The FY 2020 level of 2.9 percent is the lowest amount since staff began keeping track in FY 1991.

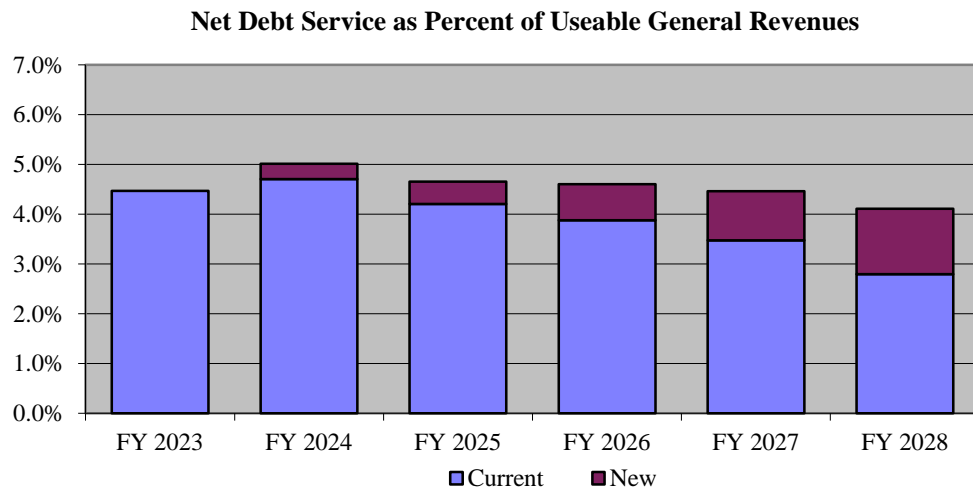
However, as with debt levels, past practices indicate it is likely to be higher than projected. The chart below shows projected debt as a percent of personal income for FY 2020 through FY 2028 in the past five budgets.

The FY 2020 budget projected FY 2025 debt at 2.1 percent of personal income, which is around 20 percent lower than the 2.5 percent projected in the FY 2024 budget. The projections assume that the debt levels do not increase in subsequent budgets.



Debt Service

Useable general revenues are estimated collections net of the transfers to the Budget Stabilization and Cash Reserve account. These transfers ultimately become Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and cannot be used for debt service. The term net tax supported debt refers to all debt for which an appropriation is or may be required. That includes not only general obligation bonds and direct state issuance, but also debt issued by other entities for which the state is pledged to an annual lease payment or to make an appropriation in the event of a default. The proportion of net tax supported debt to useable general revenues provides a snapshot of how the state is leveraging its debt compared to available resources eligible to pay off that debt.



For FY 2021 and FY 2022, debt service as a percent of general revenues was 5.5 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively. Debt service in the recommended capital budget would increase from 4.5 percent of useable general revenues in FY 2023 to 5.0 percent in FY 2024 before gradually decreasing to 4.2 percent in FY 2028. This also assumes that \$35.0 million budgeted in FY 2024 will be used to defease certain state debt for annual savings of \$4.5 million.

Public Finance Management Board

The 2016 Assembly enacted legislation requiring the Public Finance Management Board to oversee the undertaking of a debt affordability study at least once every two years, which shall include recommended limits for the debt capacity of state, municipal and quasi-public corporations and districts having authority to issue revenue or general obligation bonds or notes, GARVEE bonds or other debt. The Board has the authority to offer non-binding, advisory opinions on all aspects of debt management practices of state, municipal, and public and quasi-public corporations.

On December 16, 2021, the Public Finance Management Board released the third Debt Affordability Study. Based on FY 2022 levels, the state is currently within all recommended affordability limits and the Board estimated that the state had available capacity to authorize up to \$736.8 million of new bonds for the 2022 ballot with total debt capacity of \$3.3 billion through the 2032 ballot. Voters approved \$400.0 million on the 2022 ballot.

Debt Study	
GO Debt Capacity	December 2021
2022 Ballot*	\$ 736,835,000
2024 Ballot	491,835,000
2026 Ballot	773,075,000
2028 Ballot	611,565,000
2030 Ballot	313,995,000
2032 Ballot	380,395,000
<i>Total 2022- 2032</i>	<i>\$ 3,307,700,000</i>

**Voters approved \$400.0 million*

Department of Administration

Projects	5 Year Total	Project Total
Pastore Center	\$ 154,480,000	\$ 232,188,522
Other State Facilities	364,636,537	552,227,823
Other Projects	188,149,211	298,841,526
Total	\$ 707,265,748	\$ 1,083,257,871
Sources of Funds		
Certificates of Participation	\$ 18,249,085	\$ 35,337,106
Federal Funds	23,360,095	46,720,190
General Obligation Bonds	1,191,344	12,500,000
Internal Service Funds	48,537,772	75,046,506
Other	48,850,000	50,843,910
Restricted Receipts	54,700,000	85,350,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds	512,377,452	777,460,159
Total	\$ 707,265,748	\$ 1,083,257,871

Summary. The Department of Administration requests capital expenditures of \$1,257.0 million from all sources, of which \$822.2 million will be used from FY 2024 through FY 2028 for 55 projects, two of which are new. Funding in the five-year period includes \$624.5 million, or 76.0 percent from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and \$48.5 million would be supported by agency charges. The request includes \$9.4 million from a source not yet identified for two information technology projects. The request is \$429.8 million more than the approved plan, of which \$210.0 million is from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. This includes \$50.0 million for the Hospital Reorganization Project, \$30.0 million for the Cranston Street Armory and \$18.3 million for various group homes and community facilities. The request overstates prior year expenses and inadvertently omitted FY 2028 asset protection funding for various projects.

The Governor recommends capital expenditures of \$1,083.3 million from all sources for 50 projects, four of which are new. The recommendation includes \$707.3 million in the five-year period, which averages \$141.5 million annually. This assumes use of \$512.4 million, or 72.4 percent from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The recommendation is \$173.8 million less than requested, reflecting corrections to overstated expenses, and excluding expenditures for various information technology projects.

The Governor's revised budget transfers an additional \$242.4 million from surplus general revenues to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to enhance resources available for pay-go capital projects. The budget allocates \$60.0 million for additional support for state-owned group homes, State House renovations, and other projects. He also proposes legislation in Article 2, establishing a Large Systems Initiatives Fund, outside of the general fund to be administered by the state's Chief Information Officer. The fund is intended to support information technology projects to facilitate capture of federal participation for information technology projects once they are implemented. It converts the current Information Technology Investment Fund to a restricted receipt account and gives the Chief Digital Officer or designee, the sole discretion to determine the project expense allocation between the account and the fund. The Large Systems Initiatives Fund would be supported from direct appropriations. The Governor's budget transfers \$79.1 million from the current Information Technology restricted receipt account for various approved projects and \$27.0 million from new general revenues to the fund. The budget identifies two projects to be funded from the

new resources: \$22.0 million for the RIKidsBridge Child Support Case Management and \$5.0 million for the Gateway to Government initiative.

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>Pastore Center</i>			
Pastore Center Infrastructure	Revised	\$ 101,850,000	\$ 114,000,000
Pastore Center Hospital Buildings	Revised	12,500,000	14,142,736
Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings	Revised	28,930,000	57,207,368
Pastore Center Central Power Plant	Revised	6,200,000	26,236,619
Pastore Center Buildings Demolition	Ongoing	5,000,000	10,949,942
Pastore Center Utilities Upgrade	Ongoing	-	8,555,734
Pastore Center Water Tanks and Pipes	Ongoing	-	1,096,123
Total		\$ 154,480,000	\$ 232,188,522

Pastore Center Infrastructure. The Department requests a total of \$114.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to make infrastructure improvements to the Pastore Center. This is \$6.8 million less than the approved plan, primarily to reflect a shift of \$6.0 million to the Pastore Center Power Plant project for the demolition of the old power plant. The request includes \$60.0 million to identify and address deficiencies with respect to water supply and distribution, and sewer. Funds would be used for design and construction of a new water line and distribution to increase the quality of water and fire suppression water flow. It includes \$52.0 million to replace the electrical system and steam lines; some of the underground wiring is over 40 years old and has exceeded its useful life. The request also includes \$2.0 million for fiber infrastructure to support current information technology and telecommunications. Project costs were revised, reflecting the Department's updated construction schedule to be done in three phases. Phases one and two will be done in FY 2023; the Department plans to initiate a design build project to replace the steam line on Power Road and the southern part of the campus. Phase two includes a plan to tie-in existing buildings to upgraded utility distribution networks. Phase three includes implementation, which will occur from FY 2024 through FY 2026. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Pastore Center Hospital Buildings. The Department requests \$0.5 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used from FY 2023 through FY 2027 for asset protection projects of medical buildings on the Pastore Center, including Benton, Regan, and Mathias. The total project cost of \$6.5 million is \$19.2 million less than the approved plan; expenditures for ligature risk remediation at Regan from previously approved Certificates of Participation are included in the Hospital Reorganization project. The Department requests this as a standalone project so as to incorporate other expenses relating to the Regan Building. No asset protection funding is included in FY 2028, which the Department subsequently indicates was in error.

The Governor recommends \$10.5 million more in the five-year period than requested, for a total of \$12.5 million. This includes \$0.5 million in FY 2028 for annual asset protection funding and \$10.0 million to address issues that may emerge in the buildings. The recommendation also excludes \$2.8 million of prior year expenses. It should be noted that an additional \$25.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds is recommended for the Hospital Reorganization project.

Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings. The request includes \$29.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used from FY 2023 to FY 2026 to fund major maintenance and capital repairs to multiple buildings at the Pastore Center. This includes \$10.3 million for projects at Center General, including elevators modernization, windows and roofs replacement; \$2.7 million for space reconfiguration and roof replacement in Forand, which houses operations of the Division of Motor Vehicles, and \$1.8 million for renovations to Benjamin Rush. It also includes \$10.4 million to construct a new storage facility and other

renovation projects. The request is \$5.0 million more than the approved plan; it overstates prior expenses by \$0.8 million and includes \$0.1 million to be funded from the Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Accessibility-Facility Renovations project to make improvements in the Benjamin Rush Building. All other project costs are \$4.0 million more, reflecting the Department's updated project costs and construction schedule.

The Governor recommends capital expenditures of \$57.2 million; adjusting for overstated expenses, it is \$6.9 million more than requested. This includes \$4.0 million to construct a new garage for the Division of Motor Vehicles' inspection and road testing programs. All other expenses are \$2.9 million more to cover price escalations.

Pastore Central Power Plant. The Department requests \$14.3 million, including \$0.4 million from previously approved Certificates of Participation and \$13.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to continue work on the Central Power Plant. The request is \$6.9 million more than the approved plan, to reflect a shift of expenses from the Pastore Center Infrastructure Project, which the Department indicates is intended to address campuswide projects. The request includes \$1.0 million to upgrade an electrical substation and \$5.0 million to demolish the old power plant. Prior year expenses appear to be overstated by \$0.8 million. It should also be noted that there is a separate project for demolition of buildings.

The Governor recommends \$6.2 million in the five-year period, which is \$250,000 more than requested. The total recommendation of \$26.2 million is \$11.9 million more requested, which corrects for overstated Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenses and adds \$12.4 million of prior expenses issued through Certificates of Participation.

Pastore Center Buildings Demolition. The Department requests \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in both FY 2024 and FY 2025 to demolish several buildings at the Pastore Center, including Pinel, Eastman House, Gloria McDonald, Welcome Arnold, and the old laundry facility. The request of \$14.2 million is \$4.2 million more than the approved plan; prior year expenses are overstated by \$0.2 million. It also includes an additional \$4.0 million for abatement and demolition expenses, reflecting the Department's updated project costs and schedule. The request includes \$1.2 million in FY 2023 to demolish a chimney and a boiler room in the Pastore Power Plant. *The Governor recommends project costs of \$10.9 million, which is \$3.2 million less than requested. It includes annual funding of \$1.0 million, consistent with the approved plan and corrects for the overstated expense.*

Pastore Center Utilities Upgrade. The Department's request includes the automatic reappropriation of \$277,764 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for electric line repairs and asset protection at the Pastore Center. The approved plan consolidated funding for this project with the Pastore Center Infrastructure project. No major expenses for this project are expected to occur beyond FY 2023. *The Governor recommends project costs of \$8.4 million, \$1.4 million less than requested. It excludes the automatic reappropriation, it appears that these funds have been obligated.*

Pastore Center Water Tanks and Pipes. The Department's request includes the automatic reappropriation of \$0.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to identify and address deficiencies at the Pastore Center with respect to water supply and distribution, for project costs of \$1.4 million. The approved plan consolidated funding for this project with the Pastore Center Infrastructure project. No major expenses for this project are expected to occur beyond FY 2023. *The Governor includes the reappropriation and adjusts prior year expenses, and includes a project cost of \$1.1 million.*

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>Other State Facilities</i>			
Group Home Replacement	New	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Arrigan Center	Revised	600,000	1,425,000
Civic Center	Revised	14,762,500	39,965,234
Community Facilities Asset Protection	Revised	355,000	985,000
DD & Community Facilities Asset Protection	Revised	4,775,000	6,471,562
Group Homes	Revised	6,780,000	10,117,656
Hospital Reorganization	Revised	43,249,085	47,171,905
Medical Examiners - New Facility	Revised	500,000	6,500,000
Shepard Building	Revised	1,750,000	5,259,019
State House Renovations	Revised	75,676,000	90,052,733
William Powers Building	Revised	13,390,000	25,078,605
Zambarano Buildings and Campus	Revised	16,885,000	37,179,287
560 Jefferson Boulevard	Ongoing	2,850,000	3,200,000
Accessibility - Facility Renovations	Ongoing	5,022,200	12,024,255
BHDDH Substance Abuse - Asset Protection	Ongoing	3,013,000	4,398,183
Big River Management Area	Ongoing	1,400,000	2,677,126
Cannon Building	Ongoing	11,875,000	18,076,160
Chapin Health Laboratory	Ongoing	775,000	3,981,867
Convention Center Facility Renovations	Ongoing	21,077,500	52,388,066
Cranston Street Armory	Ongoing	7,300,000	12,083,028
DD & Community Facilities Fire Code Upgrades	Ongoing	1,633,000	5,408,000
DD & Regional Facilities Asset Protection	Ongoing	6,225,000	9,162,692
IT Enterprise Operations Center	Ongoing	5,340,000	10,034,881
Old State House	Ongoing	1,350,000	5,696,811
Security Measures - State Buildings	Ongoing	2,500,000	5,570,197
State Office Building	Ongoing	500,000	5,341,325
Veterans Memorial Auditorium Repairs	Ongoing	500,000	13,761,284
Washington County Government Center	Ongoing	2,500,000	4,987,153
Zambarano Long-Term Care Facility	Ongoing	107,053,252	108,230,794
Total		\$ 364,636,537	\$ 552,227,823

Group Home Replacement. The Department requests \$10.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2024 to construct and or renovate ten out of its 120 group homes. The ten facilities are located in Barrington, Central Falls, Cranston, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick and Westerly; combined, they have 87 licensed beds. The Department indicates that the facilities it would replace are in the worst condition based on an assessment that was conducted four years ago, which identified \$50 million of deferred maintenance expenses. The Department notes that ideally, \$10.0 million would be needed annually, until all facilities have been upgraded and or disposed. The request includes funding for one year, pending the outcome of this initial phase. The Department indicates that there are issues, such as swing space that need to be addressed and that discussions with the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals are ongoing. The approved plan includes \$9.6 million for asset protection for group homes. *The Governor recommends \$5.0 million in FY 2024.*

Arrigan Center. The Department requests \$4.2 million from all sources, including \$1.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$2.5 million from Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund receipts to renovate the Arrigan Center, which offers comprehensive physical and occupational therapy to

assist injured workers. It also includes a gym with a therapy pool. The request is \$0.9 million more than approved to reflect the Department's updated project cost for upgrading the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and exterior repairs. *The Governor recommends expenditures of \$1.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The recommendation is \$2.8 million less than requested, primarily to reflect exclusion of workers' compensation administration funds, reflecting an updated plan pertaining to the future of the facility.*

Civic Center. Consistent with the Authority's request, the Department includes \$22.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the five-year period for renewal and replacement expenses for the Civic Center. This project was previously shown as the Dunkin' Donuts Center; the naming rights contract expired, and the Center will be renamed the Amica Mutual Pavilion, reflecting a new ten-year agreement. The Center was purchased by the Convention Center Authority with revenue bonds and leased back to the state. Rental payments from the lease are applied to the debt service payments on the revenue bonds. Bond covenants from the 2006 purchase and renovation financing require that funds be set aside each year to maintain the facility.

The total request of \$37.7 million, understates prior expenses by \$2.3 million. Accounting for this, the request is \$7.1 million more than the approved plan, including \$7.5 million programmed in FY 2028 for replacement of all glycol lines and resurfacing of the cement slab. The approved plan includes \$0.2 million in FY 2027 to begin the study. The Authority indicates that the ice surface system was installed in 1972. *The Governor recommends project costs of \$40.0 million, \$2.3 million more than requested to adjust for understated prior year expenses. The recommendation also delays requested expenditures for the glycol lines and resurfacing of the cement slab from FY 2028 to the out-years.*

Communities Facilities Asset Protection. The approved plan includes \$650,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to fund a new Communities Facilities Asset Protection project. The project is intended to provide asset protection funding at state-owned facilities leased or operated by non-profit organizations, including the Groden Center, Civil Air Patrol, and others. The request includes \$1.8 million, or \$1.1 million more than the approved plan. The project was revised to include new expenditures of \$0.5 million for the Old Colony House for gutters, downspouts and foundation repairs, and \$0.6 million for fence replacement, and exterior renovations at the Stephen Hopkins House. Subsequent to the budget request, the Department indicates that a federal grant for \$0.5 million for projects at the Stephen Hopkins House was awarded; reducing the Rhode Island Capital Plan funds need by the same amount.

It should also be noted that several other facilities are included in this project, though no funding was requested for them. This includes a community facility, which was previously licensed by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. That facility is no longer licensed by the Department; however, it is a state-owned facility and is being used as a school. Subsequently, the Department indicates that the heating system in the facility recently failed and the cost to replace it would be \$300,000 and an additional \$460,000 would be needed to address some of the immediate needs in the facility, including asbestos and mold abatement, exterior and interior renovations, and doors and windows replacement. *The Governor recommends \$1.0 million, or \$0.8 million less than requested. This includes \$0.5 million less, reflecting availability of federal funds, and \$0.3 million less for new gutters for the Old Colony House.*

DD & Community Facilities Asset Protection. The Department requests \$12.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$11.1 million will be used in the five-year period for repairs to developmental disability community facilities, including roofs, siding, doors and windows replacement. Of the 29 facilities, the Department indicates that four need complete roof repairs, seven need complete heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacement, six need significant site improvements, and the others need major envelope repairs.

Prior to the FY 2023 approved plan, \$0.3 million annually was provided for asset protection funding. The 2022 Assembly concurred with the Governor's recommendation to include \$750,000 for FY 2023, increasing this amount by \$50,000 annually to \$1.0 million in the out-years. The request of \$12.9 million is \$6.7 million more than the approved plan. The project was revised to include \$6.6 million in FY 2024 to renovate two vacant homes to be used for the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals' Mental Health Psychiatric Rehabilitative Residences program. Prior year expenses are also overstated by \$0.1 million. *The Governor recommends capital expenditures of \$6.5 million, \$275,000 more than the approved plan, to increase annual funding to \$950,000.*

Group Homes. The Department requests \$17.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$14.2 million will be used in the five-year period for asset protection projects at the state's group homes for the developmentally disabled. There is a total of 120 state-owned group homes; 97 are operated by private providers and 23 are state-run. It should be noted that the approved plan increased annual funding from \$750,000 to \$1.3 million to address additional asset protection projects. The Department noted that a facilities assessment identified \$35 million in deferred and future maintenance costs and also submitted a separate request for \$10.0 million, previously discussed.

The request is \$8.3 million more than the approved plan; it overstated prior expenses by \$0.4 million and adds \$7.9 million, including \$4.1 million in FY 2024 and \$3.8 million in FY 2025 to create additional group home capacity for developmentally disabled or seriously emotionally disturbed children that are leaving Department of Children, Youth and Families care and entering the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. The Department notes that the request is preliminary and that it would obtain services to determine what a group home model for this population should be. It should be noted that the approved plan includes \$0.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 in the Department of Children, Youth and Families' budget to conduct a feasibility study to determine how to most effectively develop four transitional housing groups throughout the state. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$10.1 million, which is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan. The recommendation corrects for overstated prior year expenses and adds \$0.5 million in the five-year period to increase annual funding to \$1.4 million.*

Hospital Reorganization. A previously approved capital plan included \$8.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$22.0 million issued through Certificates of Participation to reorganize hospital operations for the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. The Governor's FY 2023 recommended budget included the unspent Certificates of Participation as part of the Pastore Center Hospital Buildings Project to be used for ligature risk remediation. The request maintains the Hospital Reorganization as a standalone project and includes a total of \$69.8 million from all sources. This includes \$19.8 million from issued Certificates of Participation and new expenditures of \$50.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The request assumes use of \$25.0 million in FY 2025 to renovate the Regan Building to address accreditation and program operational issues, such as secure outdoor space, therapy rooms, and modernizing the nurse station. The request also includes \$25.0 million in FY 2027 for elevators modernization, masonry, windows replacement, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades. *The Governor recommends \$47.2 million from all sources, \$25.0 million more than approved to address accreditation and program operational issues. It should be noted that an additional \$10.0 million is recommended as part of the Pastore Center Hospital Buildings project to address issues that may emerge in the buildings.*

Medical Examiners - New Facility. The approved plan includes \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the Department of Administration's budget, including \$0.5 million for architectural and engineering services and \$4.5 million to renovate a 20,280 square foot building in Cumberland to house operations of the State Office of Medical Examiners. Phase I, which included additional decedent capacity to address the COVID-19 surge was completed and some personnel from the office moved in December 2020. Phase two will include interior renovations to accommodate the relocation of the entire Medical

Examiners' staff from Chapin to the new facility. The Department requests a project cost of \$5.9 million, or \$0.9 million more than the approved plan. It appears that prior year expenses are overstated by \$0.4 million and the project was also revised to include \$0.5 million through FY 2028 for asset protection. The project is in design, which is expected to be completed by December 2022. *The Governor recommends a project cost of \$6.5 million, \$1.5 million more than approved. The recommendation overstates prior year expenses by \$1.0 million and adds \$0.5 million for asset protection, consistent with the request.*

Shepard Building. The request includes \$11.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used from FY 2023 through FY 2027 for elevator repairs and securing the roof overhangs of the Shepard Building. The request overstates prior year expenses by \$1.9 million. Accounting for this, the request is \$6.7 million more than the approved plan. This reflects the Department's updated project costs for elevators modernization and cast iron renovations. The project was also revised to include restroom renovations and exterior stone repairs. The Department indicates that the plan is to sell the building, however, work is needed to prevent the building from going into a state of disrepair and to maintain health and safety standards. *The Governor recommends \$5.3 million, \$0.3 million more than the approved plan, to include asset protection funding for FY 2025. This is \$8.4 million less than requested, reflecting an updated plan to limit the work in the building to life and safety issues.*

State House Renovations. The Department requests \$73.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in the five-year period for various projects in the State House. The total request of \$88.6 million is \$23.5 million more than the approved plan. This includes new expenditures of \$25.0 million for exterior renovations, including the marble façade, windows, and masonry. The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance notes that because the care of the State House has not been consistent, there is significant deferred maintenance, and high priority repairs and renovations that need to be addressed. The request includes \$42.5 million to update the building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, or \$5.0 million more than the approved plan, reflecting the Department's updated project cost though the project is in the planning phase. The approved plan includes \$0.2 million in FY 2023 to begin the study of the building's systems. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$90.1 million, which is \$1.4 million more than requested. It excludes \$1.1 million of prior year expenses and adds \$2.5 million for costs associated with removing the words Providence Plantations from the building.*

William Powers Building. The Department requests \$13.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in the five-year period for repairs and improvements, such as bathroom renovations, window replacement and electrical and mechanical upgrades at the William Powers Building. The total request of \$30.3 million is \$7.8 million more than the approved plan. Accounting for \$1.7 million of overstated prior year expenses, it is \$6.2 million more. This includes \$3.0 million programmed in FY 2028 for carpet replacement and a generator. The request also includes new expenditures of \$3.6 million from all sources, including \$1.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$2.0 million from a private grant to be used in FY 2023 and FY 2024 to convert a portion of the ground floor to relocate the Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center from the Shepard Building. The relocation would allow the Center to increase capacity, and expand to include infants and toddlers. It is currently limited to 32 pre-school children. Subsequently, the administration indicates that it had to withdraw its grant application and that the entire cost to add the daycare would be supported by Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor includes capital expenditures of \$25.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, which is \$2.7 million more than the approved plan. This includes \$2.0 million for FY 2024 to accommodate the relocation of the Child Development Center and replace unavailable grant funds and annual funding of \$2.0 million for FY 2028. The recommendation also reduces the FY 2022 unspent funds by \$0.9 million.*

Zambarano Buildings and Campus. The Department requests \$27.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2023 through post-FY 2028 for capital repairs to various buildings at the Zambarano Campus of the Eleanor Slater Hospital in Burrillville. The Zambarano Campus includes buildings totaling 307,000 square feet on 460 acres of land. The project cost of \$39.8 million is \$9.7 million more than the

approved plan, including new expenditures of \$3.3 million for lead, mold and asbestos abatement in the Beazley Building, and \$3.5 million to relocate the ventilator patient unit from Regan to Zambarano, which the Department indicates will allow for renovations, including ligature risk remediation to be done in the Regan Building. The request appears to overstate expenses by \$1.3 million and expenditures for previously approved projects, including paving, lighting, water distribution, and the wastewater treatment facility were revised, reflecting the Department's updated schedule and costs. *The Governor recommends \$25.7 million from FY 2023 through post-FY 2028. The recommendation of \$37.2 million is \$2.7 million less than requested to correct for overstated expenses.*

560 Jefferson Boulevard. The Department includes \$2.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in the five-year period for an asset protection project for the Office of Postsecondary Commissioner's current office building located at 560 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick. Funding will support the installation of a generator and a new roof. The request of \$3.3 million is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan; it appears to overstate prior year expenses by \$0.1 million and adds \$50,000 in FY 2028 for annual asset protection funding. *The Governor recommends \$3.2 million, \$0.1 million less than requested to correct for overstated prior year expenses.*

Accessibility - Facility Renovations. The Department requests \$5.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in FY 2024 through FY 2028 for renovations of state-owned long-term care and community-based facilities, health centers, group homes, fire safety improvements, accessibility renovations to state administrative and higher education institutions and other renovations to buildings throughout the state where open meetings are held, such as senior citizen centers. Since FY 2016, oversight of the accessibility project has been with the Department of Administration. The Commission continues to be responsible for project prioritization.

The total request of \$14.0 million is \$2.4 million more than the approved plan; it overstated the amount of carry forward funds by \$0.6 million and adds new expenditures of \$1.5 million programmed in FY 2028. Projects were revised reflecting the Commission's updated construction schedule in consultation with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance. *The Governor recommends \$2.0 million less than requested to correct for overstated expenses and includes annual funding of \$1.0 million, consistent with the approved plan.*

BHDDH Substance Abuse - Asset Protection. The 2019 Assembly transferred the oversight of the Substance Abuse Asset Protection project from the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. Funds are used for emergency repairs to nine community facilities housing substance abuse clients. The request of \$4.2 million is essentially consistent with the approved plan, with the exceptions of programming \$0.5 million for FY 2028 and overstating prior year expenses by \$0.2 million. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$4.4 million, which is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan. The recommendation corrects for overstated prior expenses, reduces the available funding by the \$0.2 million, and adds a total of \$0.5 million in the five-year period to increase annual funding to \$0.6 million.*

Big River Management Area. The Department requests \$5.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$3.4 million will be used in the five-year period for infrastructure repairs and improvements at the Big River Management Area. This project includes funding to complete a comprehensive property management plan, security, litter/dumping enforcement and demolition of vacant homes. The Big River Management Area must be protected for future development as a source of potable water. The request is \$3.4 million more than the approved plan, including new expenditures of \$1.3 million programmed in FY 2028 and the out-years. Previously approved funding from FY 2024 through FY 2027 was revised to include \$1.9 million for paving projects, demolition, and improvement to culverts to address flooding and other environmental and security concerns. *The Governor recommends \$2.7 million, \$0.5 million more than the approved plan, including annual funding of \$0.3 million for FY 2028. The recommendation also*

delays \$0.2 million of FY 2022 unspent funds to FY 2024 through FY 2026.

Cannon Building. The request includes \$18.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds; \$11.9 million will be used from FY 2024 through FY 2026 for repairs and renovations to the Cannon Building. The Department plans to upgrade heating, ventilation, and air conditioning and electrical systems, renovating restrooms, and addressing Americans with Disabilities Act compliance requirements. The request is consistent with the approved plan, with the exception of overstating prior expenses by \$0.8 million. *The Governor recommends \$18.1 million, consistent with the approved plan.*

Chapin Health Laboratory. The Department requests total project costs of \$5.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and restricted receipts for asset protection in the Chapin Health Laboratory. The building houses several laboratories for the Department of Health, and the Office of State Medical Examiners. The request is \$1.2 million more than the approved plan; prior year expenses are overstated by \$0.5 million. The request also adds \$0.6 million for unspecified asset protection projects for FY 2026 and FY 2027. *The Governor recommends a total project cost of \$4.0 million, essentially consistent with the approved plan, which does not include funding beyond FY 2025 to coincide with the new health laboratory completion.*

Convention Center Facility Renovations. The Department includes \$24.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through post-FY 2028 for improvements to the Convention Center Facility. The Authority indicates that preventive maintenance is required in order to maintain the venue to attract and keep customers. The state must pay Convention Center debt service that is not covered by operating revenue. To the extent the Authority sets aside resources for upkeep, its operating deficit grows, increasing the state's debt service costs. The request of \$51.4 million is essentially consistent with the approved plan, with the exceptions of understating prior year expenses by \$1.0 million and adding \$3.3 million in the out-years. The request is consistent with the Authority's capital budget request. *The Governor recommends a total project cost of \$52.4 million, \$1.0 million more than requested to correct for understated prior year expenses.*

Cranston Street Armory. The Department requests \$37.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through FY 2027 to stabilize the exterior east and west sides of the Cranston Street Armory. All windows above the ground level were boarded up, and in 2016, the administration conducted a feasibility study to determine a use plan for the facility. Some of the recommendations for use included: state lab, museum, archive/storage, public school, apartments, athletic facility. Estimated project costs for the aforementioned uses ranged from \$41 million to \$103 million. Subsequently, the administration established a re-use steering committee to explore other options, including funding mechanisms.

The project costs of \$42.8 million overstates prior year expenses by \$0.3 million and accounting for this, it is \$30.1 million more than the approved plan. The Department indicates that the request reflects updated estimates to stabilize the building. The request also includes a total of \$450,000 over three years to hire a design agent to assist with determining a building re-use plan as well as funding options. Costs for implementing any plans are not included in the request. *The Governor recommends project costs of \$12.1 million. This is \$0.2 million less than the approved plan, primarily to exclude the automatic reappropriation based on anticipated expenditures; the facility is being used as a warming shelter.*

DD and Community Facilities Fire Code Upgrades. The Department requests \$325,000 annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to continue fire code upgrades to state group homes and private developmental disabilities residences. The request of \$5.7 million is essentially consistent with the approved plan, with the exception of overstating prior year expenses by \$0.3 million. *The Governor recommends \$5.4 million, consistent with the approved plan.*

DD and Regional Facilities Asset Protection. The Department requests \$6.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for repairs and renovations to the ten state-owned regional workshop centers in the five-year period. The state is under a federal consent decree to transition individuals from regional centers and sheltered workshops to employment and other integrated community settings. The project cost of \$9.6 million is essentially consistent with the approved plan, with the exception of overstating prior year expenses by \$0.3 million. *The Governor recommends \$6.2 million in the five-year period, \$0.1 million more than requested, for project costs of \$9.2 million.*

IT Enterprise Operations Center. The Department requests \$6.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used from FY 2024 through FY 2027 for various projects, including replacing the chiller and boiler, and improving the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. The Department purchased the building off Jefferson Boulevard in 2009, completed a major renovation and moved in November 2011. The request is \$3.1 million more than the approved plan; it overstates prior expenses by \$1.0 million and expenditures for previously approved projects were revised, reflecting the Department's updated project schedule. *The Governor recommends \$10.0 million, which is \$0.6 million less than the approved plan. This excludes \$1.4 million of prior year expenses and adds \$0.8 million in the five-year period for updated project costs.*

Old State House. The Department requests \$1.2 million from all sources to be used from FY 2024 through FY 2026 for projects at the Old State House. Consistent with the approved plan, it includes \$0.3 million for asset protection. The request of \$5.8 million is \$1.2 million more than the approved plan, this includes \$0.5 million each from the Governor's Commission on Disabilities' allocation of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and federal funds that the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission was awarded for accessible projects at the Old State House. The approved plan included these expenses in the respective budgets, to avoid double counting them statewide. The request also overstates prior year expenses by \$0.2 million. *The Governor includes \$1.4 million in the five-year period, for project costs of \$5.7 million. This is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan, reflecting annual funding for FY 2028.*

Security Measures/State Buildings. The Department requests \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used from FY 2024 through FY 2027 to address security issues throughout state facilities. The request of \$5.2 million is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan. Prior year expenses are overstated by \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million is added from FY 2024 through FY 2026, reflecting the Department's updated project costs for video surveillance and access control at the Division of Motor Vehicles at the Pastore Center. No funding is requested for FY 2028, which the Department indicates was in error. *The Governor includes \$5.6 million, which is \$0.3 million more than requested. The recommendation corrects for overstated prior year expenses and adds \$0.5 million in FY 2028 for annual funding.*

State Office Building. The Department requests \$9.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$4.2 million will be used in the five-year period for asset protection projects at the State Office Building, which is occupied by the Department of Transportation. The request is \$4.0 million more than the approved plan, including new expenditures of \$2.8 million to replace lighting and ceilings, and \$1.0 million for masonry repairs to address Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for one of the entrances. The request overstates prior year expenses by \$0.1 million. *The Governor recommends \$5.3 million, \$0.1 million more than the approved plan to include annual asset protection funding in FY 2028.*

Veterans Memorial Auditorium Repairs. Consistent with the Authority's request, the Department includes \$0.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in the five-year period for ongoing asset protection costs of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The request includes \$765,000 for FY 2023 to replace seats that the Authority indicates are original to when the building opened in the 1950s. The request of \$17.5 million is \$80,000 more than the approved plan, it overstates prior year expenses by \$170,000 and adds \$250,000, reflecting annual funding for FY 2028. *The Governor recommends \$0.1*

million annually in the five-year period. The recommendation of \$13.8 million is \$3.7 million less than the approved plan, reflecting the exclusion of prior year expenses.

Washington County Government Center. The Department requests \$30.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used in the five-year period for asset protection projects at the Washington County Government Center. The 45,000 square foot building houses the operations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Children, Youth and Families. The total request of \$36.1 million is \$29.2 million more than the approved plan, including new expenditures of \$29.0 million programmed for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to renovate the building, including elevators and heating, ventilation and air conditioning system upgrades. The Department notes that this estimate is preliminary and the request includes \$150,000 in FY 2023 to conduct a study to refine the project scope and provide updated estimates. *The Governor recommends \$2.5 million in the five-year period. The total recommendation of \$5.0 million is \$0.2 million less than the approved plan. This reflects the removal of \$0.6 million based on anticipated expenditures, and adds \$0.4 million for FY 2028 for annual asset protection funding.*

Zambarano Long-Term Care Facility. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$108.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to construct a new 108-patient long-term care facility at the Zambarano Campus of Eleanor Slater Hospital to replace the Beazley building. The Department indicates that the current building is not suitable for renovation into a medical facility that would meet compliance with current standards. The Department further notes that the estimate is still preliminary and actual costs would be determined once design is complete, which is expected to occur in spring/summer 2025. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>Other Projects</i>			
Child Support Case Management System	New	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 22,000,000
DoIT Enterprise & Software	New	42,537,772	69,046,506
Gateway to Government	New	5,000,000	5,000,000
State Office Reorganization and Relocation	Revised	2,150,000	5,400,000
Energy Efficiency	Ongoing	10,000,000	14,969,999
Enterprise Resource Planning	Ongoing	47,300,000	68,700,000
Environmental Compliance	Ongoing	1,000,000	3,363,618
Replacement of Fueling Tanks	Ongoing	1,210,000	4,685,365
RI Children's Information System	Ongoing	8,400,000	16,650,000
South County Groundwater Protection/Acquisition	Ongoing	800,432	7,500,000
Statewide Emergency Water Interconnect Projects	Ongoing	390,912	5,000,000
Statewide Facility Master Plan	Ongoing	3,000,000	7,405,848
Hospital Electronic Medical Records System	Approved	21,000,000	22,400,000
Municipal & Higher Education Matching Grant Program	Approved	23,360,095	46,720,190
Total		\$ 188,149,211	\$ 298,841,526

Child Support Case Management System. The Department of Human Services' capital budget request includes \$30.0 million for a new project, including \$9.3 million from information technology funds and \$20.8 million from federal funds to fully transition the Child Support Case Management system to a web-based platform. RIKidsBridge is the Child Support Case Management system of record, which is predominantly a legacy mainframe-based application. The Department of Human Services anticipates that the other state agencies using the mainframe will transition off of it over the next three to five years. This would leave the Office of Child Support Services as the sole agency using the system. The Department reports that Connecticut estimated \$68 to \$82 million in 2018 to replace its system, with annual maintenance

costs of \$3.8 million. The Department also notes that system enhancements are needed to accommodate compliance with future federal regulations. The Office is in the early planning stages of the software system changeover. *The Governor recommends \$22.0 million from information technology funds for the system. This includes \$2.0 million for FY 2024 and \$10.0 million each for FY 2025 and FY 2026.*

DoIT Enterprise and Software. The Department requests new expenditures of \$76.4 million from all sources, including \$69.0 million for five projects that would be supported by agency charges. It assumes use of \$26.5 million in FY 2023; this is unlikely to occur as billing rates have been developed and do not assume these charges in agency budgets. The request includes: \$15.4 million for security and access, \$29.5 million for modernization projects, such as cloud accessibility and email delivery operations, \$12.1 million for workforce enablement, including remote connectivity requirements, \$2.1 million for information technology service management for tracking projects, and \$10.1 million for digitalization projects across agencies. The request also includes \$7.4 million for projects for which a source of funding has yet to be identified. This includes \$0.6 million to replace the Board of Elections' campaign finance system. It should be noted that in 2017, the Board received a \$0.4 million grant to upgrade the system and there was a commitment to fund the remaining expense with Information Technology Investment funds. The Department indicates that due to the pandemic, the project never started and the grant expired. It also includes \$1.1 million for continuous support of the E-Procurement system, \$0.4 million to purchase a software for affirmative action reporting, \$1.2 million to upgrade the Rhode Island Financial Accounting Network System, and other projects. *The Governor concurs with the requested \$69.0 million for projects supported by agency charges. The recommendation does not include projects for which a funding source was not identified.*

Gateway to Government. The 2022 Assembly provided \$1.5 million in FY 2023 and \$1.0 million in FY 2024 from information technology funds for a blockchain technology pilot program for use in credential issuance, authentication, and automated compliance. The program is based on a proof of concept experiment in FY 2020 and would expand a pilot previously privately funded by the vendor. Blockchain increases the transparency and security of internet transactions and certifications. *The Governor recommends new expenditures of \$5.0 million from new Large Systems Initiative funds to expand the Blockchain Digital Identity program in order to digitize statewide license processing and centralize management of identification and credentialing.*

State Office Reorganization and Relocation. The Department requests \$6.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through FY 2027 for redesigning office space and moving personnel and relocating storage to alternative sites. The total project cost of \$11.2 million is \$7.7 million more than the approved plan; prior year expenses are overstated by \$1.3 million and \$6.4 million is added in the requested period. This includes \$4.0 million to reorganize current space, which the Department indicates involves redesigning of office space with smaller work stations and fewer private offices, and \$2.0 million for relocation expenses. It should be noted that these projects are planned and are yet to be identified. It also includes \$0.4 million for project manager expenses. *The Governor includes \$5.4 million, and adjusting for overstated expenses, it is \$4.5 million less than requested for space reorganization and project manager expenses.*

Energy Efficiency. The Department requests \$19.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative funds, of which \$10.0 million will be used in the five-year period for energy efficiency projects, including indoor and outdoor lighting projects, new heating, ventilation and air conditioning, renewable energy and building automation systems. In December 2015, Governor Raimondo issued Executive Order 15-17, "State Agencies to Lead by Example in Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy," establishing a Lead by Example program in the Office of Energy Resources. The executive order charged the Office with overseeing and coordinating efforts to reduce energy consumption. Some of the program's goals are to improve state facility infrastructure, reduce state facility operating and on-going maintenance costs, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The request is \$4.7 million more than the approved plan. It overstates prior year expenses and adds \$2.0 million each in FY 2028 and after for projects to upgrade heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in various buildings. *The Governor recommends \$15.0 million, \$4.2 million less than requested to correct for overstated expenses and to exclude expenses programmed after FY 2028.*

Enterprise Resource Planning. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes a total of \$68.7 million from all sources, including \$62.7 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund, of which \$53.0 million is to develop and implement an Enterprise Resource Planning System. The components of the project are not limited to human resources, payroll, and financial management; the current systems are nearing the end of their useful lives and are susceptible to security risks. The Auditor General has historically reported the inefficiencies with the various systems. The request also assumes \$15.7 million of operating expenses; \$9.7 million for FY 2024 and FY 2025 would be supported with the Information Technology Investment Fund and \$6.0 million for FY 2026 through FY 2028 would be financed through agency billings. It should be noted that the human resources and payroll systems will be implemented in FY 2025 or FY 2026 and operating expenses cannot be billed before then. A tentative award for a systems integrator was issued in April 2022, and the Department is in the process of negotiating with the vendor, which it indicates could take up to three months. *The Governor concurs with the total project cost.*

Environmental Compliance. The request includes \$1.0 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2024 through FY 2027 for projects that assist state agencies in maintaining compliance with all state and federal environmental rules and regulations. Funds will also be used to support the costs of mitigating asbestos, remediation of contaminated soils and other environmental issues for buildings under the Department's jurisdiction. The request of \$6.8 million is \$3.6 million more than the approved plan; prior year expenses are overstated by \$0.4 million. It also increases annual funding by \$0.8 million for testing and legal services to ensure group homes are in compliance. It should be noted that annual expenditures in the last five fiscal years averaged \$151,031, or 62.1 percent of appropriated amounts. *The Governor recommends \$3.4 million less than requested. This corrects for overstated expenses and includes annual funding of \$0.2 million, consistent with the approved plan.*

Replacement of Fueling Tanks. The Department requests \$3.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used from FY 2023 through FY 2027 to replace failing tanks at nine of the 15 state-owned and operated fueling stations for state vehicles. In FY 2023, the Department plans to remove and install tanks at the University of Rhode Island, and install tanks at the Zambarano Campus and on Pontiac Avenue. The request of \$6.9 million is \$2.1 million more than the approved plan. Prior year expenses are overstated by \$1.0 million, \$0.5 million is added to reflect the Department's updated project costs for tanks on Pontiac Avenue, and \$0.6 million is included for unspecified projects. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$4.7 million, \$0.1 million more than the approved plan to include annual funding for FY 2028.*

RI Children's Information System. The approved plan includes a total of \$28.0 million from all sources, including \$11.2 million from federal funds and \$16.8 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund to support the state's share of the cost for a new child welfare system to replace the current Rhode Island Children's Information System. Federal fund expenditures are included in the Department of Children, Youth and Families' budget, the awarding agency. The request understates the state's share by \$150,000. The Department of Administration indicates that the project is in the design phase and is scheduled for implementation within the first quarter of FY 2026, a year later than the approved plan.

The recommendation includes \$16.7 million from information technology funds for the state's share. It appears that the recommended capital budget excludes approved federal funds that were previously included in the Department of Children, Youth and Families' capital budget; however, they are assumed in the operating budget.

South County Groundwater Protection/Acquisition. The request includes \$1.8 million from approved general obligation bond proceeds to be used for FY 2023 and FY 2024 to purchase water development rights from private landowners for well sites identified as high capacity. The request of \$7.5 million is \$0.5 million less than the approved plan, reflecting the exclusion of prior year expenses. *The Governor concurs.*

Statewide Emergency Water Interconnect Projects. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$5.0 million from previously approved general obligation bonds, of which \$0.9 million will be used for FY 2023 and FY 2024 to continue a project to establish statewide emergency water interconnections between the state's 32 largest water supply systems. A system of interconnections will enable the movement of water from one source or system to another during any emergency, such as pipe breaks or water source contamination. The interconnections are funded with \$15.0 million from bond proceeds, of which \$10.0 million was authorized by the voters in 1987 and \$5.0 million in 2004. *The Governor concurs.*

Statewide Facility Master Plan. The Department requests \$4.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to be used from FY 2023 through FY 2028 for several master plans, including \$3.0 million for a statewide deferred maintenance study and \$1.1 million for studies that the Department indicates will be based on emerging needs. It also includes \$0.5 million in FY 2023 for a consolidated garage feasibility study; both the Department of Transportation and the Division of Motor Vehicles had previously requested funding for garages and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority had also submitted a request to the Federal Transit Authority to make renovations to its garage. The Department anticipates the garage study starting in FY 2023; however, no specific timeframe has been provided. The request of \$7.6 million is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan, reflecting annual funding for FY 2028. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of excluding \$0.2 million of prior year expenses.*

Hospital Electronic Medical Records System. The Department's request includes \$24.4 million from all sources, including the approved amount of \$22.4 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund to purchase an electronic medical records system for the state-run Eleanor Slater Hospital. The state hospital currently does not have an electronic medical records system. The system would support the hospital's administrative, financial, clinical and reporting activities. The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals reported that it would maximize reimbursements and develop treatment and residential options for psychiatric patients, including geriatric, and developmentally disabled adults. The Department estimated that the system will take 30 months to implement. A draft request for proposals is being reviewed. The request is consistent with the approved plan, with the exception of including \$2.0 million for FY 2028 for software maintenance costs from a source not yet identified. *The Governor recommends \$22.4 million from information technology funds, consistent with the approved plan.*

Municipal and Higher Education Matching Grant Program. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$23.4 million each for FY 2023 and FY 2024 from the Capital Projects Fund for matching grants to cities and towns seeking to renovate or build community wellness centers that comply with work, education, and health monitoring requirements set by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Department of Administration indicates that the project is in the development phase and that the Pandemic Recovery Office is writing the grant plan for the program. *The Governor concurs.*

Information Technology Investment Fund. The request includes \$19.7 million, of which \$12.6 million would be used from FY 2023 through FY 2028 for various information technology projects and management staffing costs. These expenses from the Information Technology Investment Fund are exclusive of projects for which a specific allocation was included in appropriation acts; the request includes these as standalone projects and are described later in this analysis. The request includes \$11.0 million in FY 2023, or \$9.3 million more than enacted, based on delays for various projects, including \$1.6 million for implementation of the E-Procurement System, \$2.0 million to modernize legacy systems for the

Department of Environmental Management, \$1.5 million for network switch replacement and \$0.2 million for the state's match for the Department of Health's vital records system.

The Information Technology Investment Fund was created by the 2011 Assembly for acquiring information technology improvements, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, and ongoing maintenance. The 2012 Assembly transferred \$9.0 million into the fund and the 2014 Assembly adopted legislation transferring tobacco bond refinancing proceeds into the fund. The 2021 Assembly transferred a total of \$67.0 million to the fund, including \$50.0 million for the Enterprise Resource Planning System and \$17.0 million to replace the current Rhode Island Children's Information System. The 2022 Assembly transferred \$75.0 million for various projects.

The Governor's recommended budget excludes these information technology expenses from the capital budget. The operating budget includes expenses of \$12.2 million for FY 2023 and \$6.3 million for FY 2024.

Blockchain Digital Identity. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$1.5 million for FY 2023 and \$1.0 million in FY 2024 from the Information Technology Investment Fund for a blockchain technology pilot program for use in credential issuance, authentication, and automated compliance. The program is based on a proof of concept experiment in FY 2020 and would expand a pilot previously privately funded by the vendor. Blockchain increases the transparency and security of internet transactions and certifications. *The Governor concurs with the total project costs; however, these information technology expenses are excluded from the capital budget. The Governor's recommendation includes this expense as part of the Large Systems Initiatives Fund.*

DEM - Environmental Permitting & Licensing. The request includes a total of \$5.9 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund to make improvements to the Department of Environmental Management's information technology for online permit and licensing systems for environmental and agriculture permitting, fish and wildlife, commercial fishing, and boating registration. The request is \$0.1 million more than the approved plan, reflecting updated costs for software maintenance. The Department plans to award the contract by September and anticipates the project starting in October 2022.

It should be noted some of the projects funded with Information Technology Investment funds are included in respective agency capital budget requests; however, it appears that this project was not included in the Department of Environmental Management's capital budget. *The Governor concurs with the total project costs; however, these information technology expenses are excluded from the capital budget. The Governor's recommendation includes this expense as part of the Large Systems Initiatives Fund.*

DLT - Mainframe Legacy Modernization. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$19.4 million, including \$14.7 million in FY 2023 and \$4.7 million in FY 2024 from the Information Technology Investment Fund to replace the Department of Labor and Training's Temporary Disability Insurance and Employer Tax functions. The Department of Administration notes that the Department of Labor and Training is in the process of developing a Strategic Planning Request for Proposal as a roadmap for modernizing its systems. The request for proposals process closed on September 14, 2022.

The capital request submitted by the Department of Labor and Training includes the separate components of the approved plan, but misidentifies the approved components. It excludes the approved funding to avoid double counting those resources. The Department requests \$10.5 million more from federal funds, which appears to double count some approved funding erroneously identified as new and reflects ongoing cloud service and maintenance expenses which may not be appropriate for capital funding. *The Governor concurs with the total project costs; however, these information technology expenses are excluded from the capital budget. The Governor's recommendation includes this expense as part of the Large Systems Initiatives Fund.*

RI Bridges Mobile and Childcare Tracking. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$6.7 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund to improve and expand the HealthyRhode mobile application and improve the collection of attendance data from child care providers. Of the total project cost, \$5.0 million is information technology expenses, \$1.0 million is for testing prior to implementation, \$0.5 million is for marketing and communications, and \$152,000 is for training and materials. *The Governor concurs with the total project costs; however, these information technology expenses are excluded from the capital budget. The Governor's recommendation includes this expense as part of the Large Systems Initiatives Fund.*

Tax Modernization. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$2.3 million for FY 2023 from the Information Technology Investment Fund to enhance improvements to Division of Taxation business processes and taxpayer services. The Department notes that from September 2022 through January 2023, various testing is scheduled and the project is expected to go live in August 2023. *The Governor concurs with the total project costs; however, these information technology expenses are excluded from the capital budget. The Governor's recommendation includes this expense as part of the Large Systems Initiatives Fund.*

Wi-Fi and Technology at the ACI. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$3.3 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund for the purchase and installation of the Wi-Fi systems at the adult correctional institutions. The request includes \$50,000 for FY 2024 for the first year's annual maintenance costs; beyond FY 2024, a source for maintenance needs to be identified. *The Governor concurs with the total project costs; however, these information technology expenses are excluded from the capital budget. The Governor's recommendation includes this expense as part of the Large Systems Initiatives Fund.*

Department of Business Regulation

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Vehicle Fleet	Revised	\$ 1,577,569	\$ 1,978,415
Fire Academy Expansion	Ongoing	7,655,500	8,330,500
Total		\$ 9,233,069	\$ 10,308,915
Sources of Funds			
Other Funds		\$ 1,577,569	\$ 1,978,415
Rhode Island Capital Funds		7,655,500	8,330,500
Total		\$ 9,233,069	\$ 10,308,915

Summary. The Department of Business Regulation requests total capital expenditures of \$14.4 million from all sources for ten projects, six of which are new. Funding in the five-year period totals \$11.4 million, including \$9.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommends total expenditures of \$10.3 million for two previously approved projects, including \$8.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.*

Vehicle Fleet. The approved plan includes \$1.9 million from the State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund, including \$0.4 million in FY 2023 and \$0.3 million in FY 2024, to replace existing vehicles on a four to five-year cycle. At the time of its request, the Department had 67 vehicles. The request excludes funding for FY 2023 in error and the Department indicates it intended to request \$2.2 million, including \$0.4 million in each FY 2023 and FY 2024, and add three new inspection vehicles for the Office of Cannabis Regulation. This is \$0.3 million more than approved to reflect the inclusion of FY 2028. *The Governor recommends \$2.0 million, including \$0.4 million for each FY 2023 and FY 2024, including the additional vehicles requested.*

Fire Academy Expansion. The Department requests \$7.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to expand the State Fire Academy in Exeter. Major items include an auditorium, four additional classrooms, and an equipment storage building. The Academy indicates the expansion will allow it to meet the high level of demonstrated demand and expand its certification offerings. The request includes \$0.7 million less than the approved plan for FY 2023 and shifts \$1.9 million from FY 2024 to FY 2026. The Department subsequently indicated it intended to request funding consistent with the approved plan. *The Governor recommends \$500 less than the approved plan for FY 2024.*

Seed to Sale Information Technology. The Department requests \$2.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to switch vendors for a variety of marijuana-related information technology services. The request is \$0.7 million more than approved and includes \$230,000 in annual recurring licensing costs programmed out to FY 2028. The Department reports its current vendor is in poor financial condition and has only delivered two components of a planned holistic system. The new system will allow inspectors and auditors to automate code compliance for customers and prevent abuse of the home-grow system. The Office contracted two vendors in May 2022, and indicates the project will be completed in December 2022.

Consistent with the Governor's recommendation, the 2022 Assembly included a total of \$1.7 million from medical marijuana restricted receipts for this project in FY 2022 and FY 2023 which would otherwise have been transferred to general revenues. The restricted account was created to finance necessary regulatory expenses. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets and are not allowed for ongoing operating expenses. *The Governor does not include this project in his*

capital budget; however, his operating budget recommendation provides \$1.5 million, including \$1.2 million for FY 2023 and \$0.3 million for FY 2024, which also reflects carryover of unspent FY 2022 funds.

Licensing Software Replacement. The Department requests \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to replace its outdated e-licensing platform with a modern alternative. The current platform dates back to the 1980s and is the main system used to maintain professional license records for individuals, businesses, and nonprofits under the Department's purview. The request includes \$0.5 million or \$0.1 million in annual recurring licensing costs, programmed out to FY 2028. The Department submitted an identical request last year that was not approved. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets and are not allowed for ongoing operating expenses. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Website Dashboard Update. The Department requests \$75,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to update its open government permitting website. The website is currently used by the Department and municipalities to process building, fire, zoning, and other permits. This project would update the online dashboard to provide metrics on permit applications, approvals, and completion time. The request includes \$50,000, or \$10,000 in annual recurring operating costs, programmed out to FY 2028. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets and are not allowed for ongoing operating expenses. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Digital Licensing. The Department requests \$150,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to update its digital licensing platform to include short term rentals and additional licensing capacity. The Department indicates its current vendor agreement is insufficient to cover new licensing requirements, most recently the short-term rentals requirement enacted by the 2021 Assembly which went into effect on January 1, 2022. The Department indicates this project would integrate required licenses into its existing registration system. The request includes \$125,000, or \$25,000 in annual operating and additional licensing costs, programmed out to FY 2028. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets and are not allowed for ongoing operating expenses. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Bomb Squad Server Cage and Wiring. The Department requests \$30,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 for a new project to upgrade physical information technology infrastructure at the Bomb Squad headquarters in Exeter. Funds would be used to install wireless internet, a backup battery for facility security systems, and a security cage around the server. The Department indicates that these upgrades will enhance team collaboration and ensure facility security in the event of a power outage. The Department submitted an identical request last year that was not approved. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets and are not allowed for ongoing operating expenses. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Conference Room Video. The Department requests \$50,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 for a new project to purchase virtual conferencing equipment. The request includes upgrading four conference rooms with a large mounted monitor, camera, and associated computer equipment. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Construction Website Wizard. The Department requests \$104,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to develop an online tool that centralizes disparate regulation requirements for building construction into a consumer friendly format. The Department believes centralizing instructions on how to build a building, currently across various state and municipal websites, will help attract developers outside the state by clarifying regulations according to a developer's individual needs. The Department submitted an identical request last year that was not approved. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Executive Office of Commerce

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
South Quay Marine Terminal	Revised	\$ 48,000,000	\$ 60,000,000
Port of Davisville	Revised	54,000,000	60,000,000
I-195 Redevelopment District Parks	Revised	-	4,000,000
I-195 Redevelopment District	Revised	3,500,000	7,635,875
Quonset Piers	Revised	-	70,550,288
Broadband Infrastructure	Ongoing	9,573,500	24,956,500
Industrial Site Development	Ongoing	34,900,000	40,000,000
Port of Davisville Infrastructure at Quonset	Ongoing	11,200,000	20,000,000
Affordable Housing	Ongoing	30,428,342	105,000,000
Port of Providence	Ongoing	-	20,000,000
Innovation Campus	Ongoing	9,650,000	20,000,000
Total		\$ 201,251,842	\$ 432,142,663
Sources of Funds			
Federal - ARP - SFRF		\$ 102,000,000	\$ 120,000,000
Federal - ARP - CPF		9,573,500	24,956,500
General Obligation Bonds		86,178,342	259,000,000
Other Funds		-	20,530,014
Rhode Island Capital Funds		3,500,000	7,656,149
Total		\$ 201,251,842	\$ 432,142,663

Summary. The Executive Office of Commerce requests total expenditures of \$310.5 million for ten projects, one of which is new. Funding in the five-year period is \$104.8 million, including \$86.2 million from general obligation bond proceeds approved by voters on the November 2016 and March 2021 ballots and \$18.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommends \$432.1 million for 11 ongoing projects, some of which were unintentionally excluded from the request. This is \$121.6 million more than requested, including \$96.4 million more in the five-year period.*

South Quay Marine Terminal. The approved plan includes \$35.0 million from federal State Fiscal Recovery funds for the first phase of a project to create a new South Quay Marine Terminal in East Providence. Since FY 2020, the Commerce Corporation has awarded \$15.0 million from Rebuild Rhode Island tax credits and \$0.2 million in Site Readiness grants to Rhode Island Waterfront Enterprises for initial dredging, infrastructure upgrades, and design work. The terminal and related upgrades to waterfront port facilities are part of a statewide infrastructure expansion plan focused around the blue economy. Funds are programmed at \$12.0 million for FY 2023 and \$23.0 million for FY 2024. The Executive Office inadvertently omitted this initiative from its capital budget request.

In May 2022, the Executive Office indicated the first phase for initial development of the site would be \$47.5 million, including \$35.0 million from this item and \$12.5 million from a then-pending Economic Development Administration for the Blue Economy, which Rhode Island was not awarded. The second phase for berthing and landside improvements for offshore wind developers would be \$58.0 million, including \$15.0 million from Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credits, \$15.0 million from private matching funds, and \$28.0 million from a variety of other potential federal grant sources. *The Governor recommends \$60.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds, \$25.0 million more than enacted for FY 2024 for the second*

phase.

Port of Davisville. The approved plan includes \$60.0 million from federal State Fiscal Recovery funds to support infrastructure at the Port of Davisville. The project will support the port's master plan and current area businesses through the construction of a new pier at terminal 5, rehabilitation of Pier 1, dredging, heavy project laydown space, and activities to support the anticipated development of offshore wind project cargo and logistics. The project is intended to reconfigure the port to provide additional berthing and growth capacity. The Quonset Development Corporation indicates private funds estimated at \$35.8 million are under negotiation for additional dedicated offshore wind infrastructure and laydown space. Funds are programmed at \$6.0 million for FY 2023, \$19.4 million for FY 2024, \$27.0 million for FY 2025, and \$7.6 million for FY 2026. The Executive Office inadvertently omitted this project from its capital budget request. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan, but advances \$34.6 million from FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2024 to meet federal deadlines for formally obligating the funds.*

I-195 Redevelopment District Parks. The Executive Office requests \$4.1 million, including \$4.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds approved in the March 2021 special election and \$0.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to finance infrastructure and development projects for the District's parks. The approved plan includes only the \$4.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds. Based on the final recommendations from Biederman Redevelopment Ventures, the Commission plans to build a food and beverage service pavilion, enhance utility infrastructure, and add a small storage and office space. The plan assumes food and beverage vendor revenues will offset the operating costs for the park, reducing the need for state operating support over time. The request adds \$0.1 million for infrastructure upgrades to park lighting, benches, and landscaping. Funding is programmed at \$0.1 million for FY 2022, \$3.9 million for FY 2023, and \$0.1 million for FY 2024. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan.*

I-195 Redevelopment District. The Executive Office requests \$7.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to support the Commission's planning and zoning expenses. This includes \$0.2 million more for FY 2023, \$0.1 million less for FY 2024 which the Executive Office notes is in error, and \$0.7 million annually for FY 2025 through FY 2028 for which the approved plan includes no funding to meet anticipated expenses. The Commission reports there are nine active development projects. Expenses include professional legal and engineering services related to the maintenance and marketability of the I-195 land. The requested expenditures typically do not fit the definition of capital projects; however, the Commission capitalizes these costs due to their project-specific transactional nature. *The Governor excludes \$0.2 million from pre-FY 2023 funds and concurs with the remainder of the request, retaining the apparent error.*

Quonset Piers. The Executive Office requests \$78.6 million to refurbish and build an extension on Pier 2 at the Port of Davisville. The request includes \$2.0 million less from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the pre-FY 2023 period requested in error and \$2.5 million less from Quonset Development Corporation resources for FY 2023. Funding includes \$50.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds approved by voters in the November 2016 election.

The 2019 Assembly provided \$90.0 million for this project and the 2020 Assembly reduced Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund expenditures by \$5.0 million to reflect Corporation testimony regarding a revised project cost of \$85.0 million. The 2021 Assembly included total project costs of \$83.1 million, and allowed the \$1.9 million of newly reported savings to accrue to the Corporation. The 2022 Assembly provided funding consistent with the approved plan and did not concur with the requested and recommended shift of \$3.0 million from Corporation resources to Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. As of September 2022, the Corporation indicates that final project costs are \$80.6 million, reflecting further cost savings of \$2.5 million from lower than anticipated material costs in the project's final phase. It requests these savings be allowed to accrue to the Corporation. *The Governor excludes \$8.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds spent during the pre-FY 2023 period and concurs with the remainder of the request.*

Broadband Infrastructure. The approved plan includes \$25.0 million from federal Capital Projects funds to invest in broadband projects to provide high-speed, reliable internet to all Rhode Islanders. Rhode Island will receive at least \$100.0 million from federal funds for broadband through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Digital Equity Act, both passed in 2021. Municipalities, public housing authorities, businesses, and internet service providers can use these funds to expand access to reliable, high-speed internet to unserved and underserved communities; however, matching funds and a five-year statewide strategic plan are required. The Corporation anticipates receiving \$5.0 million for planning expenses in FY 2023.

The Assembly enacted 2021-H 6494, Substitute A, containing \$0.5 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to develop a state broadband infrastructure strategic plan and hire a new Broadband Director position at the Commerce Corporation. The Corporation indicates the position was filled in July 2022. Article 1 of 2022-H 7123, Substitute A, as amended, contains multiyear appropriations of Capital Projects funds, including \$25.0 million to augment or provide a match for broadband investments made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act programmed at \$15.4 million for FY 2023, \$5.2 million for FY 2024, and \$4.4 million for FY 2025. It also stipulated that funds be used for purposes specified in the strategic plan and may not be obligated prior to its submission. The strategic plan was submitted on December 30, 2022.

The Executive Office inadvertently omitted this initiative from its capital budget request. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan but advances \$4.4 million from FY 2025 to FY 2024 to meet federal deadlines for formally obligating the funds.*

Industrial Site Development. Consistent with the approved plan, the Executive Office requests \$40.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds approved in the March 2021 election for offshore wind and industrial site development, reshoring of jobs, and economic revitalization. The request delays funding to more closely reflect observed enrollment trends. In January 2022, the Quonset Development Corporation launched RI Ready to assist municipalities in developing pad-ready industrial sites, which are enrolled on a rolling basis for up to \$200,000 for predevelopment work. Enrolled sites are also eligible to apply for additional competitive funding to support activities related to manufacturing, assembly, distribution, offshore wind, and job creation. As of September 2022, the program has enrolled eight sites. If the Corporation funds a project, it is required to secure a Rhode Island benefits agreement. The FY 2020 and FY 2021 budgets each included \$1.0 million to fund a pilot of this program, which resulted in 28 investment awards. Compared to the approved plan, the request includes \$2.9 million less for the pre-FY 2023 period, \$9.0 million less for the current year, \$5.0 million less for FY 2024, \$10.0 million more for FY 2026, and \$6.9 million more for FY 2027. *The Governor's recommendation shifts \$21,098 from FY 2027 to FY 2023 and provides remaining funding consistent with the request.*

Port of Davisville Infrastructure at Quonset. Consistent with the approved plan, the Executive Office requests \$20.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds approved by voters in March 2021 to support infrastructure at the Quonset Business Park. The request delays \$9.0 million from the current year, and completion by one year, to reflect an updated project schedule. Bond proceeds support the port's master plan and current area businesses through the construction of a new pier at terminal 5, rehabilitation of Pier 1, dredging, and activities to support the anticipated development of offshore wind project cargo and logistics. The project is intended to reconfigure the port to provide additional berthing and growth. Compared to the approved plan, the request reports \$3.8 million more expended prior to FY 2023 and includes \$9.0 million less for FY 2023, \$2.0 million more for FY 2024, and \$3.2 million more for FY 2025. *The Governor recommends total funding consistent with the approved plan and includes \$5.2 million less for FY 2023, \$0.8 million less for FY 2024, and \$6.0 million more for FY 2025.*

Affordable Housing. Consistent with the approved plan, the Executive Office requests \$105.0 million from general obligation bonds proceeds, including \$65.0 million approved by voters in March 2021 and

\$40.0 million from general obligation bond funds approved by the voters in November 2016, to support the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing. As of August 2022, Rhode Island Housing has expended all 2016 bond proceeds and awarded all 2020 bond proceeds. The request programs funding at \$34.5 million in the current year, \$26.5 million for FY 2024, and \$4.0 million for FY 2025.

The 2022 Assembly provided \$100.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds to provide an enhanced level of gap financing for affordable housing developments. It required these funds to be used in conjunction with general obligation bond funds and other available resources according to the same guidelines as Housing Production Fund proceeds. *The Governor's recommendation includes \$0.1 million in pre-FY 2023 spending, \$12.1 million less for FY 2024, \$8.0 million more for FY 2025, and \$4.0 million more for FY 2026.*

Port of Providence. Consistent with the approved plan, the Executive Office requests \$20.0 million from general obligation bond funds approved by the voters on the November 2016 ballot for land acquisition and infrastructure improvements to the Port of Providence. Expansion and improvements at the port are anticipated to attract three to four new tenants through container port development or other market-driven operations. The request reflects yet another delay, shifting \$5.0 million from FY 2022 to FY 2023. The Executive Office indicates it acquired one large parcel in FY 2022 for \$7.5 million, is under contract for two adjacent parcels valued at a total of \$0.7 million, and has identified one final parcel to purchase which will exhaust all remaining funds. *The Governor concurs but shifts \$28,780 from FY 2023 to the pre FY 2023 period to reflect actual expenses.*

Innovation Campus. Consistent with the approved plan, the Executive Office requests \$20.0 million from general obligation bond funds approved by the voters in 2016 for one or more innovation campuses to facilitate collaboration between the University of Rhode Island, other higher education institutions, and the business community to expedite the conversion of research into marketable production or producers. The request shifts \$12.2 million from FY 2022 and programs \$8.5 million for FY 2023, \$7.0 million for FY 2024, \$1.8 million for FY 2025, and \$250,000 each for FY 2026 through the post-FY 2028 period.

During the fall of 2017, the initial request for proposals was released for four projects, some of which have since been deobligated. Through September 2022, \$18.2 million has been committed to seven projects and \$1.7 million has been disbursed. *The Governor recommends \$28,780 more than requested for the pre FY 2023 period to reflect actual expenses, \$0.1 million more for FY 2023, \$0.1 million more for FY 2026, and excludes the requested \$250,000 for the post FY 2028 period.*

Digital Governance. The Executive Office requests \$15.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to implement a digital government initiative using blockchain technology. The \$15.0 million value appears to be a placeholder. The enacted budget includes \$2.5 million from Information Technology Investment funds for a similar project within the Department of Business Regulation, which the Executive Office intends to expand. The Executive Office has not provided detail on the cost, scope, or governance structure of this initiative in conjunction with other agencies, as it indicates this is subject to ongoing discussions between the Secretary of Commerce and the Division of Information Technology. The proposal programs \$5.0 million annually for FY 2024 through FY 2026. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are typically limited to capital projects related to physical assets.

Blockchain increases the transparency and security of internet transactions and certifications. Any transaction, such as a license certification, is immediately recorded on a publicly available internet register along with select identifying information. Any falsifications or changes to the data will be apparent on the register. Public transaction data are scrambled by a one-way encryption, which prevents the release of sensitive personal information. *The Governor's capital budget includes \$5.0 million from information technology funds in the Department of Administration's budget.*

Department of Labor and Training

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Vehicle Replacement	New	\$ -	\$ 35,000
Total		\$ -	\$ 35,000
Sources of Funds			
Other Funds		\$ -	\$ 35,000
Total		\$ -	\$ 35,000

Summary. The Department of Labor and Training requests \$97.8 million for eight projects, of which four are new; it also excludes a previously approved project. The request includes \$71.7 million for the five-year period, including \$65.7 million from federal funds, \$5.0 million from Information Technology Investment funds, \$0.9 million from restricted receipts, and \$75,000 from other state support. The Department subsequently noted some funding is misidentified in its request.

The Governor's capital recommendation assumes \$35,000 for purchase of a new vehicle and includes funding for the previously approved projects in the Department of Administration's budget. His operating recommendation includes \$1.4 million from federal funds for multiple projects. The Budget Office reports this is inadvertent.

Vehicle Replacement. The Department requests \$35,000 from State Fleet Revolving Loan funds to purchase a hybrid replacement for a 2006 Dodge Caravan it uses to transport mail. It should be noted that the fund essentially operates as a no interest loan; agencies repay the loan over a period of three to seven years depending on the cost or type of vehicle or equipment acquired. The Department reports \$35,000 represents the total cost of the replacement vehicle. *The Governor's budget assumes funding as requested.*

ICON Interstate Wage System Replacement. The Department requests \$2.9 million from restricted receipts to replace the Interstate Connection Network, known as ICON, hosted by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, of which Rhode Island is a member. The Association assists with interstate and federal government coordination for the administration of state unemployment compensation laws. Supplemental documents submitted with the request note this is a mainframe-based technology; it is unclear why this project is distinct from the mainframe replacement project discussed separately. The Department subsequently noted that restricted receipts do not appear to be appropriate for the project; it will review the project to identify an appropriate source. The request programs \$2.0 million for FY 2023, \$0.1 million for FY 2024, and \$0.2 million annually thereafter. *The Governor's budget excludes this funding.*

Mainframe Retirement/System Modernization. The approved plan includes \$19.4 million from Information Technology Investment funds in the Department of Administration's budget for a consolidated project which represents 11 projects the Department of Labor and Training requested separately. This includes a strategic plan and vendor services, replacing the Department's mainframe, employer tax, federal accounting, temporary disability, and workforce regulation computer systems, developing a data lake for use by these new systems, and replacing hardware for the workforce regulation, business affairs, and review board divisions. The approved plan incorporated projects consistent with the Department's FY 2023 to FY 2027 capital request and excluded out-year expenses for non-developmental activities. As of October 2022 the Request for Proposals for the strategic plan defining these projects remains posted.

The FY 2024 to FY 2028 capital request submitted by the Department of Labor and Training essentially includes the separate components of the approved plan, but misidentifies the consolidated components resulting in 12 projects, including \$1.2 million of unallocated funding. The request assumes the \$19.4 million previously approved will be used but it excludes that funding to avoid double counting those resources. The Department requests \$10.5 million more from federal funds, which appears to double count some approved funding erroneously identified as new, includes projects not approved, and reflects ongoing cloud service and maintenance expenses for these projects. The Department of Administration's capital budget request includes only the approved funding.

The Governor's capital budget includes funding consistent with the approved plan in the Department of Administration's budget. His operating recommendations include federal unemployment insurance funds for some of these subprojects, including \$50,000 for FY 2023 and \$305,000 FY 2024. The Budget Office reports this is inadvertent.

Unemployment Insurance Online. The Department requests \$29.0 million from federal funds, \$24.0 million more than the approved plan, to continue replacement of the public facing unemployment insurance applications with a cloud application. The Department's original request included \$5.0 million for the initial development of this project for FY 2022, and \$2.0 million annually thereafter. The Assembly funded only the development expenses. This request assumes use of \$5.0 million prior to FY 2023 and adds \$4.0 million annually thereafter; it should be noted that supplemental materials included with the request assume only \$1.0 million annually. This project includes functionality to allow claimants to follow the status of submitted claims. These subsequent expenses appear to be more appropriate for the Department's operating request. This was reportedly in conjunction with the system modernization project discussed separately. The Department reports it is currently in negotiations with a vendor to further develop a plan and annual expenses; the request includes current estimates of that spending. *The Governor's recommendation excludes this funding; subsequent to approval of the project, the Department reported a lack of funding.*

Unemployment Insurance System Modernization. The Department requests \$46.5 million from federal funds, \$39.5 million more than enacted to transfer the unemployment insurance database and program determination applications to a cloud-based system. The Department originally requested \$10.1 million, including \$7.0 million for development expenses over FY 2022 and FY 2023. The approved plan includes \$7.0 million, funding only the development expenses. This request adds \$4.5 million for FY 2023, \$11.0 million annually for FY 2024 and FY 2025, \$10.0 million for FY 2026, and \$1.5 million for FY 2027 and FY 2028. This was reportedly in conjunction with the Unemployment Insurance Online and Benefits Navigator projects, discussed separately, to interface with the new database and rules engine. The Department reports no spending has occurred for this project which was approved to begin in FY 2022. *The Governor's recommendation excludes this funding; subsequent to approval of the project, the Department reported a lack of funding.*

UI/TDI Connect Call Center. The Department requests \$3.0 million from federal funds, \$1.5 million more than the approved plan, to continue to develop its cloud-based call center as a service technology to include its temporary disability operations. The request programs \$1.0 million each for FY 2022 and FY 2023, \$0.5 million for FY 2024, and \$0.2 million in FY 2025 with \$0.1 million of ongoing expenses through FY 2028. The Department originally requested \$2.0 million for this project, programming funding consistent with this request's FY 2023 to FY 2028 period, for FY 2022 through FY 2027. The Assembly concurred with the Governor's recommendation to fund FY 2022 and FY 2023 as requested, but excluded the out-year expenses, which are appropriate for the Department's operating budget. The Department reports an unemployment functionality is in place; this expansion is contingent on the strategic plan, for which a Request for Proposals remains posted as of October 2022. *The Governor's capital budget excludes this project. His FY 2023 operating recommendation provides \$1.0 million from federal unemployment funds. The Budget Office reports this is inadvertent.*

Unemployment Insurance Benefits Navigator. The Department's request excludes \$6.0 million from federal funds to replace its internal unemployment insurance computer application with a cloud-based system. The approved plan programs \$3.5 million for FY 2022 and \$2.5 million for FY 2023. This includes development costs of \$3.0 million and \$2.0 million in FY 2022 and FY 2023, respectively, and \$0.5 million annually for cloud service expenses. This was proposed in conjunction with the system modernization project discussed separately. The Department noted that this project was ended due to a lack of funding and is intended to be incorporated into the strategic plan, for which a Request for Proposals remains posted as of October 2022. *The Governor's recommendation excludes this funding; subsequent to approval of the project, the Department reported a lack of funding.*

Workers' Comp System Integration/Enhancements. The Department requests \$5.5 million from Information Technology Investment funds to enhance the Workers' Compensation system and integrate it into the Department's other consolidated systems. The funding is programmed with \$0.5 million for FY 2023, and \$1.0 million annually for the FY 2024 through FY 2028 period. The Department reports the requested fund source is misidentified; it is anticipated to be funded by restricted receipts. The intent is to integrate three systems and that scope and spending will be guided by the strategic plan, for which a Request for Proposals remains posted as of October 2022. *The Governor's budget excludes this funding.*

DLT Conference/Hearing Room Upgrades. The Department requests \$325,000 from unspecified state support to install cameras, monitors, and microphones for onsite and remote meetings. Supplemental information included in the request notes there are network security concerns and that costs will be allocated across multiple projects to minimize the use of a single fund source. The request programs \$250,000 for FY 2023 for the installation and \$15,000 annually for ongoing operating costs. This does not appear to meet the standard for a capital project; these expenses appear more appropriate for the Department's operating request. The Department subsequently noted this project is not currently in progress.

The Governor's capital budget excludes this project. As noted previously, his FY 2024 operating request includes \$15,000 for this project. The Budget Office reports this is inadvertent.

Department of Revenue

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Lottery - HVAC	New	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Lottery - Office Space	New	600,000	600,000
Lottery Building Enhancements	Revised	-	1,614,761
Total		\$ 1,350,000	\$ 2,964,761
Sources of Funds			
Other Funds		\$ 1,350,000	\$ 1,350,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds		-	1,614,761
Total		\$ 1,350,000	\$ 2,964,761

Summary. The Department of Revenue requests \$8.7 million, including \$7.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for five projects of which four are new. *The Governor recommends \$3.0 million for three projects, two of which are new. The recommendation also includes \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for one project in the Department of Administration's budget.*

Lottery - HVAC. The Department requests \$750,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 to replace its 20-year old heating, ventilation and air conditioning system that uses a refrigerant which is subject to federal restrictions for use and a mandated production phase-out. The Lottery reports it has not requested an estimate to replace the system because Rhode Island General Law, Section 37-2-13.1 prohibits consulted vendors from bidding on the subsequent contract. *The Governor recommends funding as requested from lottery funds. The Governor's recommendations maintain the inconsistencies of the requests. The Budget Office notes that the capital budget prevails.*

Lottery - Office Space. The Department requests \$600,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 to renovate an existing space to accommodate a call center to assist customers and troubleshoot connectivity issues. The estimate is reportedly based on renovations to the Division of Taxation space for FY 2021, for which \$625,000 was appropriated and \$500,093 was reportedly spent; however, the Lottery subsequently reported that a comparison of the projects is difficult. The division renovation included cubicles, flooring, and electrical work; the Lottery project also assumes expenses for the build-out of walls.

The Lottery was unable to provide additional documentation about the scope of the project. It noted that the additional product lines the Lottery now operates require additional staff; accommodating that staff requires converting an additional 1,000 square feet of warehouse space into office space. It should be noted that no additional staff has been requested. *The Governor recommends funding as requested from lottery funds. The Governor's recommendations maintain the inconsistencies of the requests. The Budget Office notes that the capital budget prevails.*

Lottery Building Enhancements. The Department requests \$850,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 to install a generator to support its operations in the event of an extended power outage. The approved plan also includes \$290,000 from lottery funds for this project excluded from the request. The Department reports the \$290,000 was reallocated to the Office Space project, discussed separately. Only portions of the facility have a back-up power supply, which would inhibit the Lottery's ability to be functional, and present a risk to its equipment in the event of a power outage. *The Governor recommends funding as requested and includes \$0.8 million of historical expenses.*

DMV Garage. The Department requests \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to locate a replacement for the Melrose Street, Providence facility that performs inspection and road testing activities. The safety and emissions staff license and supervise more than 325 emission and safety inspection stations that inspect over 379,000 vehicles per year, and directly inspect over 3,600 vehicles, including vehicles for hire, school buses, salvage vehicles, kit cars, and law enforcement ordered inspections. The request programs \$3.5 million in FY 2024 and \$1.5 million in FY 2025.

A 2019 facility assessment graded the 16,050 square foot building in poor condition, estimated necessary 2022 expenses in excess of 25 percent of the building's replacement value, and recommended critical maintenance. Supplemental materials included with the request indicate no maintenance has occurred, and show mitigation efforts to prevent leakage from the roof and liquid seepage through the floor. Subsequent to the submission, substantial rainfall during September 2022 flooded the facility closing it for multiple days; some services have been permanently relocated. The Department requested this project last year, but it was not approved. The Department of Administration's budget includes \$0.5 million for a Statewide Facility Master Plan, including a consolidated garage study for this and the Department of Transportation. *The Governor's recommendation includes \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for this project in the Department of Administration's budget.*

Tax Credit Management System. The Department requests \$1.5 million from Information Technology Investment funds to purchase software for its integrated tax system to monitor tax credits and aid in compliance. The Division of Taxation currently performs these functions outside of the integrated tax system.

The enacted budget includes \$6.2 million for the Division of Taxation's integrated tax system, including \$4.9 million for the maintenance and operations, \$2.3 million to migrate to a cloud-based system, and \$0.6 million to replace the Division of Taxation's scanners which digitize documents for system use. For FY 2024, estimated expenses are \$6.4 million, including \$1.5 million for the system migration, offset by the exclusion of one-time scanner expenses. This request programs an additional \$1.0 million for FY 2024 and \$0.5 million for FY 2025. *The Governor's recommendation excludes this project.*

Office of the Secretary of State

Projects	Status	5 Year Total		Project Total
Election Equipment	Ongoing	\$	-	\$ 170,000
Total		\$	-	\$ 170,000
Sources of Funds				
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$	-	\$ 170,000
Total		\$	-	\$ 170,000

Summary. The Office of the Secretary of State did not submit a capital budget request. The approved plan removed \$170,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for election equipment for FY 2023, based on the contract for accessible voting equipment procured during FY 2022, which delayed any payment until after the Department's current elections equipment contract expires on July 1, 2023. *The Governor's budget inadvertently includes \$170,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023.*

Public Utilities Commission

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Electronic Business Portal	Ongoing	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Asset Protection	Ongoing	450,000	862,000
Total		\$ 450,000	\$ 1,112,000
Sources of Funds			
Restricted Receipts		450,000	1,112,000
Total		\$ 450,000	\$ 1,112,000

Summary. The Public Utilities Commission requests a total of \$1.1 million from restricted receipts assessed to the regulated utilities and from its operating budget for two capital projects. This includes \$575,000 to be spent in the five-year period for asset protection projects and \$250,000 in FY 2023 for the electronic business portal. The total request is consistent with the approved plan. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$1.1 million, including \$450,000 in the five-year period and \$375,000 for use in FY 2023.*

Electronic Business Portal. The Commission requests \$500,000 from restricted receipts to complete an electronic business portal, including \$250,000 in FY 2023 and a like amount of prior year spending that did not occur. Funding is consistent with the approved plan, but the Commission reports that the request should be \$250,000 for FY 2023 only as it has determined that this is enough to build the project through Rhode Island Interactive. The electronic business portal is a tool for docket management and e-filing capabilities for licensing. It includes an in-house task scheduler for employees to track dockets and project completion. The portal will also manage a “list serve” to facilitate public requests to follow specific dockets. The Commission reports that these advancements will relieve staff time by reducing document filing and streamlining docket management responsibilities. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Asset Protection. The Commission requests \$625,000 from restricted receipts for repairs to its headquarters at 89 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick for FY 2023 through FY 2027, including \$50,000 for FY 2023, which is \$75,000 less than assumed in the approved plan. The project comprises five sub-projects ranked as follows: interior renovations and upgrades, roof membrane replacement, exterior window replacement, parking lot improvements, and elevator repairs. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan and adjusts the total to include prior year expenses.*

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Summary. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services requests \$91.2 million for four information technology projects, including \$82.5 million from federal funds, \$8.0 million from general revenues, and \$0.6 million from restricted receipts. The request includes \$16.1 million in FY 2022, \$74.5 million for FY 2024 through FY 2028, and \$0.6 million in the post-FY 2028 period.

The Governor does not include these projects in his capital plan. His budget does include support for all of these in FY 2023 and FY 2024, which is discussed separately in the Agency Analysis section of the publication.

RI Bridges System Enhancements. The Executive Office requests \$46.7 million for system enhancements to the state's Unified Health Infrastructure Project, also called RI Bridges. The request includes \$38.3 million for FY 2024 through FY 2028 and \$8.4 million for FY 2023. The Department of Administration and the Department of Human Services also submitted capital requests of \$4.3 million and \$3.8 million, respectively, for total project funding of \$54.8 million. The agency request includes a list of necessary system changes but does not include the individual estimates for these changes in any of the fiscal years.

Project costs from FY 2016 through the FY 2023 enacted budget total \$613.8 million, including \$117.3 million from general revenues. Expenses include design, development and implementation, and maintenance and operations. The Executive Office's FY 2023 enacted budget includes \$57.9 million, of which \$13.9 million is from general revenues, and since this request is a portion of that total, the Executive Office has been asked if the request makes any changes to the enacted budget but it has not provided that information. This is also the first time that system expenses have been included in the capital request, which does not include any pre-FY 2023 expenses. *The Governor recommends \$23.8 million for FY 2023 and \$20.4 million for FY 2024 for maintenance and operations and system enhancements, but as noted excludes this project from the capital budget.*

eLTSS Information Technology Modernization. The Executive Office requests \$6.7 million to establish one unified electronic long term services and supports technology system. The stated goal is to streamline the eligibility process, which is currently being performed through several agencies, including the Department of Human Services' Long Term Care Unit and the Office of Healthy Aging. The cloud-based system will also include assessments and meet federal requirements for the state to provide person-centered planning and increase program choice and accessibility.

This project is part of the Executive Office's federally approved plan to spend \$158.1 million from the provision of the American Rescue Plan Act that allows for an additional ten percentage points of Medicaid reimbursement on eligible home and community based services delivered from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The program requires that general revenue savings be reinvested to fund expansionary home and community based activities. Funds must be spent before March 31, 2025. The capital request includes \$4.4 million from these time-limited funds for FY 2023 through FY 2026 for a contract signed on February 28, 2022 with WellSky to operate the system beginning in March 2022. The system will be fully operational in FY 2026.

For FY 2027 and FY 2028, the request includes \$0.7 million from Medicaid funds, \$0.2 million from matching general revenues annually, and \$0.6 million in the post-FY 2028 timeframe, including \$0.1 million from general revenues. *The Governor recommends \$1.4 million in FY 2023 and \$1.6 million in FY 2024 for the multi-year project, but as noted excludes this project from the capital budget.*

CurrentCare Opt Out Implementation. The Executive Office requests \$3.4 million from federal funds to change the enrollment process in CurrentCare, the state's Health Information Exchange, from an opt-in

to an opt-out one to comply with a statutory change made by the 2021 Assembly. The request includes \$2.5 million for FY 2023, \$0.8 million for FY 2024, and \$0.2 million for FY 2025, and will cover design, development, and implementation costs for the transition to the opt-out model as well as operational, technical, project management, regulatory compliance, and communications. The Executive Office made a similar request in its prior capital budget, which was not included in the Governor's recommendation. He did recommend, and the Assembly concurred with, providing \$2.5 million for FY 2023 as part of the operating budget. *The Governor recommends \$1.6 million in both FY 2023 and FY 2024, but as noted excludes this project from the capital budget.*

Medicaid Enterprise System. The Executive Office requests \$34.3 million for a Medicaid Enterprise System to replace the current Medicaid Management Information System, which is \$16.3 million less than the approved capital plan. This includes \$20.6 million less for independent verification and validation activities; no explanation for this change has been provided. The capital request includes \$30.9 million from Medicaid and \$3.4 million from general revenues, and is consistent with the request submitted by the Executive Office in its FY 2023 to FY 2027 plan; it has not provided an explanation for the change to the enacted budget. It includes \$2.4 million for project planning in FY 2023, which totals \$17.3 million over six years. The request also includes \$6.8 million for an independent verification and validation vendor from FY 2024 through FY 2027 and \$10.2 million to replace the system. *The Governor recommends \$3.1 million in his revised recommendation and \$6.0 million for FY 2024, but as noted excludes this project from the capital budget.*

Department of Children, Youth and Families

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Modifications	New	\$ -	\$ 11,000,000
Residential Treatment Facility	Revised	45,000,000	46,000,000
DCYF Fleet	Revised	3,492,808	4,364,077
Transitional Housing	Ongoing	-	500,000
DCYF Headquarters	Ongoing	-	250,000
Rhode Island Training School Asset Protection	Ongoing	1,255,000	4,165,986
Total		\$ 49,747,808	\$ 66,280,063
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds - ARPA - SFRF		\$ -	\$ 12,000,000
General Revenue		3,492,808	445,421
Rhode Island Capital Funds		46,255,000	49,915,986
State Fleet Revolving Loan Fund		3,492,808	3,918,656
Total		\$ 49,747,808	\$ 66,280,063

Summary. The Department of Children, Youth and Families requests \$76.2 million for the five-year period for total project costs of \$92.2 million. Funding in the five-year plan includes \$46.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$10.6 million from federal funds, \$15.9 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund, and \$3.5 million from general revenues. The request is for seven projects; one is new. It is \$12.9 million more than the approved plan. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$66.3 million for six projects, including \$49.7 million to be spent in the five-year period and \$13.4 million for FY 2023, including \$11.0 million for one new project.*

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Modifications. The Assembly appropriated \$12.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds for FY 2023 to expand existing in-state capacity at private facilities and for the initial design of a new female youth program facility. The Department requests use of \$10.5 million of that for FY 2023 to renovate a private facility to expand existing in-state capacity for 12 female youth placements which would be a sufficient capacity for this population. As of July 28, 2022, the Department filed for a non-competitive bid process for renovations to expand capacity at Saint Mary's Home for Children which currently operates the only female psychiatric residential treatment facility in the state and is in discussions with this provider on what is necessary for expansion. The Department expects construction to begin September 1, 2022, and be completed in December 2023. *The Governor recommends \$11.0 million from American Rescue Plan Act funds, reflecting updated cost estimates. It appears that a contract for additional beds is expected during the third quarter of FY 2023.*

Residential Treatment Facility. The Assembly appropriated \$12.0 million from State Fiscal Recovery funds in the FY 2023 budget to expand existing in-state capacity at private facilities and initial design of a new female youth facility. It also provided \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds over FY 2024 through FY 2026 for the state to construct such a facility. The Department requests use of \$1.5 million of the State Fiscal Recovery funds to design the facility and the approved \$45.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to construct it. As of August, design had not begun but planning is underway. *The Governor recommends \$1.0 million from American Rescue Plan Act funds for FY 2023, reflecting updated cost estimates, and concurs with the remainder of the request.*

DCYF Fleet. The Department requests \$4.7 million from all sources, including \$3.9 million from general revenues, for lease expenses from replacing all of its state-owned vehicles with a fully leased fleet by FY 2029. It also includes \$0.8 million from State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds for vehicles purchased in FY 2022 which would be sold in FY 2029. Between FY 2023 and FY 2028 lease costs increase annually, reflecting increases in the number of leased vehicles which will gradually replace state-owned vehicles. The request includes \$0.4 million for FY 2023 growing to \$0.8 million for FY 2028. At the time of the request, the Department has 99 vehicles in its fleet, 36 of which are leased. *The Governor's recommendation provides annual funding as requested, but misaligns fund sources; it appears the intent of the recommendation was to provide funding as requested, adjusted to exclude some prior year spending.*

Transitional Housing. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$0.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 to conduct a feasibility study to determine how to effectively develop four transitional housing units throughout the state. These units would serve parents who need safe and stable housing temporarily to prevent them from opening a case with the Department, young adults with unstable housing, and parents for whom housing is the last barrier to reunification with their child. Each transitional unit would house two to four families and 10 to 20 youths. These services are expected to serve 24 families and 50 young adults at a time with turnover occurring every 60 days for an annual population served of 144 families and 300 young adults. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

DCYF Headquarters. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$250,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 for a feasibility study for a future headquarters. The study will evaluate options to lease, purchase or construct a new facility. The Department currently rents property for \$2.5 million annually on Friendship Street in Providence. It had initial discussions on August 9 with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance which will be facilitated through a strategic planning process. At the time of the request, the request for proposals process had not begun. *The Governor recommends funding as requested. The process to procure a project manager and architect has begun.*

Rhode Island Training School Asset Protection. The Department requests \$1.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for various repairs and improvements, such as repairs to the parking lot and upgrades to shower valves, security upgrades, and water heater, gate, and door replacements at the Youth Development Center at the Rhode Island Training School. Requested funding is consistent with the approved plan and includes annual funding of \$250,000 for FY 2028 and the post-FY 2028 period. *The Governor recommends an additional \$5,500 for FY 2023 and \$5,000 each for FY 2028 and the post-FY 2028 period and adjusts the total to show prior year expenses.*

RICHIST System Replacement. The Department requests funding of \$28.0 million, including \$16.7 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund and \$11.4 million from federal funds, for a new information system to replace the current Rhode Island Children's Information System. Total funding is consistent with the approved plan and shifts an additional \$0.4 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund to federal funds and extends the project an additional year to FY 2026, reflecting the procurement and planning process taking longer than anticipated. The request includes funding for FY 2023 through FY 2026, including \$1.5 million, \$12.5 million, \$8.0 million, and \$6.0 million for each respective year. It is worth noting that while the overall project is estimated at 60 percent state share and 40 percent federal share, the planning phase, \$1.5 million in FY 2023, is 50 percent federal share.

In August 2022, the Department contracted with the Public Consulting Group to complete the planning phases of the project, including obtaining federal approval, which is expected to take 12 months. The Department anticipates completing the design and implementation plan by April 2023 and submitting it to the Administration for Children and Families for approval. The Department anticipates federal approval prior to July 2023 and issuing its implementation request for proposals in August 2023. *The Governor inadvertently excludes this project; however, he maintains the state share in the Department of Administration's budget. He also provides funding as requested for this project in his operating budget.*

Department of Health

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Health Laboratories & Medical Examiners Equipment	Ongoing	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,576,228
New Health Laboratory	Ongoing	66,076,475	78,076,825
Total		\$ 68,076,475	\$ 81,653,053
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 66,076,475	\$ 78,076,825
Rhode Island Capital Funds		2,000,000	3,576,228
Total		\$ 68,076,475	\$ 81,653,053

Summary. The Department of Health requests capital expenditures of \$170.7 million from all sources, including \$162.9 million or 95.5 percent which is from federal funds. The request is for 12 projects; seven are new, and assumes \$122.6 million in the five-year period. The request is \$76.0 million more than the approved plan, including \$74.3 million for new projects. It should be noted that ten of the requested projects are for information technology and the request includes annual software maintenance expenses; ongoing maintenance costs are not included in capital project totals. *The Governor recommends \$81.7 million for two approved projects. This is \$89.0 million less than requested, reflecting available federal funds and excluding project expenses that are not capital.*

Health Laboratories and Medical Examiners Equipment. The Department requests total project costs of \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$2.4 million will be used in the five-year period to replace and or upgrade outdated or obsolete medical equipment, consistent with the approved plan, in the following laboratories: Biological, Forensic and Environmental Sciences. The request is \$0.4 million more than the approved plan, reflecting an increase in expenditures in FY 2028, which the Department indicates was in error. The Department indicates that some of its current equipment is no longer being supported by the manufacturers and noted that without this equipment it would not be able to process DNA samples or upload data into the national database; conduct analysis of metals in drinking water and food, including arsenic, lead, mercury and copper; and measure levels of certain substances, such as alcohol or drugs. It appears that some of these instruments are more than 15 years old and according to the Department the term of useful life is 10-12 years. This has caused down-time, thereby increasing the backlog of untested evidence as well as maintenance costs. *The Governor includes \$0.4 million annually, consistent with the approved plan, for total project costs of \$3.6 million.*

New Health Laboratory. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$81.8 million from all sources, all but \$50,000 is from federal funds awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to construct a new 80,000 square foot facility to house the Health Laboratories Program. In November 2021, the administration issued a request for proposals for the project with responses due by December 10, 2021. In March 2022, the Department noted that eight developers responded and those all identified preferred sites as parcels within the I-195 District. Seven of the responses identified the same exact location. A project developer was selected in October 2022. Construction is anticipated to last two and a half years, from January 2023 through March 2025.

The current Chapin facility was built in 1976 and has 70,000 square feet. It currently houses the Office of State Medical Examiners and various laboratories, which perform chemical, physical and microbiologic analyses of environmental samples, clinical specimens and forensic evidence. *The Governor recommends*

\$78.1 million from federal funds, \$3.7 million less than requested, reflecting the Department's updated project plan.

Conference Room/Network Technology Upgrades. The Department requests \$200,000 from its indirect cost recovery restricted receipts to install technology upgrades to its conference rooms in the Cannon building. The Department indicated that new telework arrangements have made it critical for all meeting spaces to be equipped with appropriate information technology support to function as hybrid work spaces. This expense does not meet the definition of a capital project. The request includes \$10,000 in annual maintenance from FY 2024 to FY 2028, following initial expenditures of \$150,000 in FY 2023. While ongoing maintenance costs are not typically included in capital budgets, this type of expense would be an allowable use of the Department's indirect cost recovery account funds. A similar project was requested in the FY 2023 capital budget. The Governor's FY 2023 recommended capital budget did not include funding; however, the administration indicated that to the extent that the Department has the available funding, it can undertake the project. *The recommended capital budget does not include this expense. The annual software maintenance expense is assumed in the Department's operating budget.*

Data and Information Systems Modernization. The Department requests \$10.0 million from federal funds to develop and implement an end-to-end people, process and information technology solution for data collection, processing, analysis, and reporting covering communicable and non-communicable public health challenges. According to the Department, the project will address its limited capacity to manage infectious disease data that was revealed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The request includes \$7.0 million between FY 2023 and FY 2025 for design and implementation, and \$1.0 million annually from FY 2026 through FY 2028 for maintenance costs. *The Governor does not recommend this project as the source of funding has not been determined.*

Data Lake. The Department requests \$18.5 million from a yet to be determined federal source for a new project to establish a data lake to manage health datasets, building upon a rudimentary one created to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. A data lake is a centralized repository that allows for the storage of different types of raw data until it is needed for analytical applications, such as dashboards and visualizations. The Department notes that this project could help it meet data goals related to preparedness for future pandemics or other public health emergencies. The request includes upfront costs from FY 2023 to FY 2025 of \$9.5 million and annual maintenance of \$3.0 million from FY 2026 through FY 2028. *The Governor does not recommend this project, as the source of funding has not been determined.*

EMS and Patient Tracking System Integration. The Department requests \$2.2 million from federal funds to consolidate emergency management services and patient tracking systems. The patient tracking system, used by all 13 acute care hospitals and 82 emergency management services agencies, tracks patients and locations within hospitals to efficiently allocate available space and coordinate health care providers. The emergency management services system manages all emergency management services and ambulance tracking in the state. According to the Department, the existing patient tracking system is outdated and consolidating the two systems would reduce both the reporting burden placed on practitioners and overall annual maintenance costs. The annual maintenance of the consolidated system is \$133,768 less than the combined annual maintenance of the current systems. The request includes initial expenses of \$520,000 in FY 2023, followed by annual maintenance costs, starting at \$321,000 a year in FY 2024, which are expected to grow by approximately three percent each year. *The Governor does not recommend this project, as the source of funding has not been determined.*

Laboratory Information Management System. The Department requests total project costs of \$3.0 million, including \$2.2 million from federal funds and \$0.8 million from general revenues to replace the state laboratory information management system. The new system would allow the exchange of data and medical records more easily, improve efficiency, accuracy and connectivity. According to the Department, the laboratory's current Cerner Electronic Medical Record system is outdated, not adaptable and requires

considerable maintenance. This integrated database was created to allow healthcare professionals to electronically store, capture and access patient health information in a variety of healthcare settings. The request is \$0.4 million less than the approved plan for maintenance costs, which the Department indicates is an error. It includes upfront costs of \$1.5 million in FY 2023 and annual maintenance costs of \$300,000 beginning in FY 2024. *The recommended capital budget does not include this expense. The annual software maintenance expense is assumed in the Department's operating budget.*

Licensing Online System. The Department requests \$2.7 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund to replace its licensing system, which manages over 530 licenses for health professionals and facilities. The contract for the current system was set to expire in June 2022, but the Department indicates it will renew the current contract as necessary until a new contract is signed. The Department intends to conduct a competitive solicitation process in coordination with the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. The request includes \$1.5 million for upfront development costs in FY 2024. The Department expects annual maintenance costs to double to \$300,000, matching current market rates for a new system. *The Governor does not recommend this project.*

Mobile Application. The Department requests \$2.7 million from federal funds to re-procure the development and support expenses for the 401Health mobile application, formerly known as the "Crush Covid RI" application. The 401Health mobile application allows Rhode Island residents to track COVID-19 symptoms, report self-test results, find COVID-19 vaccine records, and learn about COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccination. The request includes \$450,000 in FY 2023 for development expenses, and \$450,000 annually from FY 2024 through FY 2028 for maintenance of the application. *The recommended capital budget does not include this expense. The annual software maintenance expense is assumed in the Department's operating budget.*

RI COVID System. The Department requests \$38.0 million from federal funds to continue the development of the Rhode Island COVID System Salesforce-based platform and re-procure vendors through a request for proposals. The System collects and consolidates COVID-19 testing and vaccination data and provides access to that data to Department staff, call centers, community partners, and residents as permitted by privacy laws. The request includes \$14.0 million in FY 2023 and FY 2024 for implementation costs, followed by annual maintenance costs of \$6.0 million from FY 2025 through FY 2028. The total project cost would be funded with COVID response funds; however, the request identifies \$1.5 million from two awards and assumes that the remaining \$36.5 million would be reallocated from existing awards, reflecting eligibility and availability. *The Governor does not recommend this project, as the source of funding has not been determined.*

Vaccine Management System Replacement. The Department requests \$1.4 million from federal funds to replace its vaccine management system. The system would enable online scheduling of appointments and the administration of clinics remotely. This includes \$350,000 in upfront expenditures in FY 2023 and annual maintenance costs of \$200,000 from FY 2024 through FY 2028. The request is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan to reflect increased annual maintenance costs estimated in the recently completed design phase of the project. *The recommended capital budget does not include this expense. The annual software maintenance expense is assumed in the Department's operating budget.*

Vital Records Electronic System. The Department requests \$6.2 million from federal funds to implement a vital records system, which will include the creation of an electronic death registration system. The project will support connectivity to eligible hospitals' systems in addition to vital records systems of the federal government and other states. After completion, all of the state's vital records would be electronic, including birth and death records. The project is nearly complete; at the time of the capital budget submission, the Department was making final interoperability improvements to the system with major partners, including hospitals and the Office of State Medical Examiners. It should be noted that the approved plan assumes use of annual maintenance costs of \$0.4 million from the Information Technology

Investment Fund, budgeted in the Department of Administration. *The recommended capital budget does not include this project; the project is essentially completed. The annual software maintenance expense is assumed in the Department's operating budget.*

Department of Human Services

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>Office of Veterans Services</i>			
Veterans' Cemetery Asset Protection	Revised	\$ 8,390,000	\$ 9,451,889
New Veterans' Home	Revised	4,510,000	63,910,000
Veterans' Home Asset Protection	Ongoing	710,505	796,093
<i>Other Projects</i>			
Blind Vending Facilities	Ongoing	825,000	2,448,958
Early Childhood Care & Education Capital Fund	Ongoing	12,000,000	15,000,000
Total		\$ 26,435,505	\$ 91,606,940
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 6,550,000	\$ 7,033,039
General Obligation Bonds		13,100,000	75,500,000
General Revenues		-	-
Information Technology Investment Funds		-	-
Other Funds		280,000	397,000
Restricted Receipts		60,000	120,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds		6,445,505	8,556,901
Total		\$ 26,435,505	\$ 91,606,940

Summary. The Department requests \$57.9 million for the five-year period FY 2024 through FY 2028 for 11 projects totaling \$217.3 million. The request includes funding for five new information technology projects, two of which include funding for the current year. Three of the existing projects are for the Office of Veterans Services. *The Governor recommends \$26.4 million in the five-year period and \$2.3 million in FY 2023. This includes funding for the Department's five ongoing projects only.*

Office of Veterans Services

Veterans' Cemetery Asset Protection. The Department requests \$10.3 million through FY 2028 from federal funds, Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, restricted receipts, and State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds for projects at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The projects include the construction of additional memorial walkway panels, columbarium walls, cemetery space for pre-placed crypts, a new maintenance facility, and in-ground water piping. The request is \$4.4 million more than the approved plan to reflect updated design and construction costs for new undertakings and equipment. The request also includes \$0.3 million to replace the current vehicles as part of a 15 year plan; such purchases are not considered asset protection. The request programs \$0.7 million for FY 2023, \$1.2 million for FY 2024, \$3.8 million for FY 2025, \$0.3 million for FY 2026, \$3.0 million for FY 2027, and \$60,000 for FY 2028. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, adjusted for prior year funding.*

New Veterans' Home. The Department requests total project costs of \$146.2 million through FY 2028 from general obligation bonds, federal funds, Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds for projects related to the newly constructed Veterans' Home in Bristol. The bulk of the project has been completed, resulting in a new state of the art long-term care facility built on the Community Living Center design and the demolition of the old facility. In total, these phases cost \$141.7 million. The third and final phase includes upgrading the security system, kitchens, storage, and roof, and

providing additional parking. Funding for this phase includes \$3.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$1.1 million from general obligation bonds. The request also includes \$50,000 from State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds for a dump truck with a plow. *The Governor recommends funding as requested in the five-year period and adds \$0.5 million for FY 2023 for upgrades to rooftop heating and cooling units, which will help bring the Home into compliance with federal health and safety codes.*

Veterans' Home Asset Protection. The Department requests total project costs of \$1.1 million through FY 2028 for asset protection projects at the newly constructed Veterans' Home in Bristol. The request is \$1.7 million less than the approved plan, effectively eliminating the increased funding the Assembly previously approved which provided \$0.5 million annually. The request programs \$25,000 for FY 2023, \$215,505 for FY 2024, \$100,000 for FY 2027, and \$50,000 for FY 2028. There is a separate request for funding renovations as part of the original construction project. Projects include: pharmacy expansion, cement siding, trim joint recaulking, lighting, rebuilding mixing valves, boiler installation, tile transition, and replacing baffles on cooling towers. It is unclear why only \$50,000 is requested for FY 2028; it is less than half of the average annual funding for other years. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Other Projects

Blind Vending Facilities. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$165,000 annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for blind vending facilities. The project supports the construction and renovation of Randolph Sheppard Vending Facilities Coffee Plus Snack Bars and Vending sites on a statewide basis, which are necessary to keep facility operations up to code, improve customer service, continue offering convenience services to government workers and public members, and provide employment for persons who are legally blind. *The Governor recommends funding as requested in the five-year period.*

Early Childhood Care and Education Capital Fund. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$15.0 million from general obligation bonds through FY 2024 for the Early Childhood Care and Capital Fund, which was approved by the voters in March 2021. Funds are to be used for physical improvements and development of licensed early child care and education facilities. Early learning facilities studies conducted in 2014 and 2019 found a lack of safe, quality spaces available to house early learning programs across the state, indicating that early learning environments needed improvement. The agency reports that its main priority for funding is to distribute competitively awarded grants to qualified organizations to develop high quality early learning programs through the construction of new facilities or the redevelopment of existing structures. The request programs \$6.1 million for FY 2023 and \$6.8 million for FY 2024. Grants began in FY 2022. *The Governor recommends total funding as requested, and programs \$0.9 million for FY 2023, \$5.2 million for FY 2024, and \$6.8 million for FY 2025.*

Child Support Services Transition Off Mainframe. The Department requests \$30.0 million for a new project for FY 2024 through FY 2027 from federal funds and Information Technology Investment funds to fully transition the Child Support Case Management system to a web-based platform. RIKidsBridge is the Child Support Case Management system of record, which is predominantly a legacy mainframe-based application. The Department anticipates that the other state agencies using the mainframe will transition off of it over the next three to five years. This would leave the Office of Child Support Services as the sole agency using the system. The Department reports that Connecticut estimated \$68 to \$82 million in 2018 to replace its system, with annual maintenance costs of \$3.8 million. The Department also notes that system enhancements are needed to accommodate compliance with future federal regulations. The Office is in the early planning stages of the software system changeover. *The Governor includes \$22.0 million from Large Systems Initiatives funds in the Department of Administration's five-year capital plan.*

SNAP Healthy Incentive Program. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$1.2 million for FY 2023 from general revenues to implement the Rhode Island Healthy Incentive Pilot program

in which eligible households would receive an incentive payment of \$0.50 for every \$1.00 spent on fruits and vegetables on their electronic benefits transfer card. A vendor was contracted to configure a new benefit type for each incentive program and funding, integrate programs as applicable with RI Bridges, and compute incentive amounts for cardholders. The Department determines and establishes incentive program threshold amounts. The Assembly enacted Article 13 of 2022-H 7123, Substitute A, as amended, which requires the Department to implement the pilot program which shall begin on January 1, 2023 and operate until funds are expended, and provided \$11.5 million from general revenues for the program including information technology upgrades. *The Governor excludes the project from the capital plan, but recommends funding consistent with the approved plan in the FY 2023 revised operating budget.*

Customer Relationship Management System. The Department requests \$244,000 for a new project for FY 2024 through FY 2028 from general revenues and federal funds to launch a customer relationship management system. The agency currently uses HealthSource RI vendor software, but once the contract ends so does the use of the management system which purportedly offers insight into how the agency can improve relationships with clients and customer service. The Department reports that research and collaboration with other state agencies with similar systems are necessary for the project. The Department requested this same project as part of its FY 2023 capital budget submission, but the project was not approved. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Enhanced Interactive Voice Response System. The Department requests \$1.8 million for a new project for FY 2024 through FY 2028 from Information Technology Investment funds to modernize its Interactive Voice Response phone system by upgrading the current system with artificial intelligence technology in order to facilitate caller menu navigation and the acquisition of desired information. This update is expected to reduce call lengths and increase the number of calls handled, and alleviate agents of calls that can easily be resolved using the system's self-service tools. Updates to the Interactive Voice Response system were previously requested as a new project as part of the agency's FY 2023 capital budget submission but not approved. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

RI Start Early System. The Department requests \$4.7 million for a new project for FY 2023 through FY 2028, including \$2.6 million from federal Child Care Development Block Grant funds, \$1.1 million from federal Preschool Development Grant funds, and \$1.0 million from American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery funds approved by the 2022 Assembly, to improve early childhood operational systems and licensing. The purpose of the project is to determine the future state of early childhood operational systems across the Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education and Human Services to improve early childhood provider licensing, renewals, and workforce registry; the child care consumer website; and other functionalities as needed. The goal is to increase child care program quality, assure efficiencies, and create an easily navigable system for families and child care providers. The Department reports that it used the costs to build and maintain its current operational systems to estimate the requested project in addition to consumer website inspections and monitoring. The Department further reports that its current early childhood operational systems are inadequate and affects the agency's ability to comply with federal regulations. This project would make information and licensing more easily accessible for families, providers, staff, and supervising state agencies. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

RI Bridges System Enhancements. The Department requests \$4.3 million for FY 2023 through FY 2028 from general revenues and federal funds to modernize the RI Bridges system. Though requested as a new standalone project, RI Bridges System Enhancements are part of the annual expenses for the Unified Health Infrastructure Project, also known as RI Bridges, included in the agency's operating budget. This includes some upgrading related to the new Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program healthy incentive pilot program. The request programs \$2.4 million from federal funds and \$0.5 million from general revenues in the current year for the development and implementation, which is currently underway. The request also shows \$133,367 in annual expenses beginning in FY 2024. *The Governor does not include this as a standalone capital project. As noted, this is annually funded through the operating budget.*

Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Hospital Equipment	Ongoing	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,442,670
DD Residential Support	Ongoing	500,000	9,477,714
State Fleet Replacement	Ongoing	766,100	1,015,100
Total		\$ 2,766,100	\$ 13,935,484
Source of Funds			
General Obligation Bonds		\$ -	\$ 6,448,396
Other Funds		766,100	1,015,100
Rhode Island Capital Funds		2,000,000	6,471,988
Total		\$ 2,766,100	\$ 13,935,484

Summary. The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals requests \$48.9 million for 14 capital projects, 11 of which are information technology projects being submitted with the traditional capital budget request. Of this amount, \$34.9 million will be spent from FY 2024 through FY 2028. The request includes \$32.9 million from Information Technology Investment funds and \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommends \$2.8 million for the five-year period and \$1.1 million for FY 2023 for three projects.*

Hospital Equipment. The Department requests \$3.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for medical and other equipment, hospital beds at both campuses of the Eleanor Slater hospital system. The request includes \$0.6 million for FY 2023 and \$1.5 million for FY 2024 through FY 2028. This is \$0.6 million more than the approved capital plan, which includes only \$0.3 million for FY 2023. The Department spent \$0.3 million annually in FY 2016 through FY 2019, \$14,269 for FY 2020, and \$0.3 million in FY 2022; there were no expenses in FY 2021. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, with the exception of adjusting prior year expenses.*

DD Residential Support. The Department requests \$0.1 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the period FY 2024 through FY 2028 to fund the thresholds program for residential development with additional funding provided by Rhode Island Housing to support new construction of and/or acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing units. Funding also supports the access to independence program which allows adults with developmental disabilities to remain in their home and provides furniture for the residences. This is consistent with the approved plan and adds \$0.1 million for FY 2028. The Department includes \$0.2 million for FY 2023, of which \$0.1 million is unspent from FY 2022. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

State Fleet Replacement. The FY 2023 through FY 2027 approved capital plan includes \$0.2 million annually for vehicle replacements. The Department's request does not include any funding to replace any vehicles that are used at the state hospital to transport patients. *The Governor recommends \$0.2 million annually for FY 2023 through FY 2028 from the State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund for vehicles at both the Cranston and Zambrano campuses. Pay back for these purchases appear in the operating budget.*

Hospital Electronic Medical Records System. The Department requests \$24.4 million from Information Technology Investment funds to purchase a new electronic medical records system for the state-run Eleanor Slater Hospital and newly licensed psychiatric hospital located at the Benton facility included in the

Department of Administration's budget. That capital request also includes this project. The request adds \$2.0 million for FY 2028 and also reprograms approved funding, primarily shifting \$9.0 million from FY 2023 to later years. It retains \$1.4 million for FY 2023. The system would update the administrative, financial, clinical and reporting activities at the hospital. The Department also reports that it would maximize reimbursements and develop treatment and residential options for psychiatric patients, including geriatric and developmentally disabled adults. The state hospital currently does not have an electronic medical records system. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the capital plan in the Department of Administration's budget.*

RIBHOLD. The Department requests \$4.2 million from Information Technology Investment funds to update its Behavioral Health On-Line Database allowing behavioral healthcare agencies to submit mandated federal reports and for the Department to collect client-level data for the licensed providers. The request includes \$1.2 million for FY 2024, \$1.0 million for FY 2025, \$0.8 million for FY 2026 and \$0.6 million annually for FY 2027 and FY 2028. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

DD Case Management System. The Department requests \$3.1 million from Information Technology Investment funds for a new project to replace the Division of Developmental Disabilities' current Therap case management system. It would use the Executive Office of Health and Human Services' new cloud-based technology system operated by WellSky, for its long-term services and supports programs. The request includes \$0.7 million for FY 2024 and \$0.6 million annually for FY 2025 through FY 2028. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Data Analytics Warehouse. The Department requests \$200,000 from Information Technology Investment funds for FY 2024 to develop a data analytics warehouse hosted by Amazon Web Services and upgrade its data analytic tools. This is similar to the platform used by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for its Data Ecosystem. Associated annual operating expenses are approximately \$100,000 for hosting, software licensing and contracted services. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Document Management System. The Department requests \$450,000 from Information Technology Investment funds for a document management system to replace the current paper-based system used for record storage. This includes \$250,000 for FY 2024 for the system and \$50,000 annually for FY 2025 through FY 2028 for licensing expenses. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

PASRR System. The Department requests \$400,000 from the Information Investment Technology funds for a new system to ensure the state's compliance for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review, known as PASRR, including \$200,000 for FY 2024 and \$50,000 annually for related operating expenses for FY 2025 through FY 2028. The review process is federally required to prevent individuals from being inappropriately placed in nursing homes. Medicaid-certified nursing facilities are required to evaluate applicants for serious mental illness and/or intellectual disability and to offer the most appropriate setting for their needs. *The Governor does not recommend funding*

Hospital Workforce Management System. The Department requests \$310,000 from Information Technology Investment funds to automate direct care workforce scheduling at the state hospital. This includes \$150,000 for FY 2024 to purchase the system and \$40,000 for related operating expenses for FY 2025 through FY 2028. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Hospital Risk Management System. The Department requests \$270,000 from Information Technology Investment funds in its five-year capital plan to automate and centralize the reporting and analysis of all incidents and events at both hospitals, which currently uses an unsupported and outdated Informix system. The new incident management system will allow incident reporting so that trend analysis can be generated to determine appropriate next steps including patient care plan changes, and facilities and security process improvements. The Department reports that the Joint Commission has advised implementation of a system

that allows anonymous reporting of incidents. The request includes \$150,000 for the system in FY 2024 and \$30,000 annually for licensing expenses. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Licensing System. The Department requests \$200,000 for FY 2023 from Information Technology Investment funds to replace its licensing system or use the new Department of Health's licensing system. It also includes \$50,000 annually in the five-year capital plan for related operating expenses. The Department licenses approximately 750 providers and facilities and requests a new web-based system that is accessible to submit applications, update information, and automate annual reviews. *The Governor does not recommend funding*

Prevention Collection and Reporting System. The Department requests \$100,000 from the Information Technology Investment funds for FY 2024 to replace its behavioral health prevention collection and reporting system and includes \$20,000 annually for annual maintenance expenses for FY 2025 through FY 2028. This web-based application allows for a compliance monitoring system for community-based organizations receiving prevention funds from the Department. This system contains a collection of standard data elements that enables the Division of Behavioral Healthcare to quantify and compare the number and type of primary prevention and early intervention services delivered.

It is unclear if this request overlaps with the separate project to update its Behavioral Health On-Line Database which allows behavioral healthcare agencies to submit mandated federal reports and for the Department to collect client-level data for the licensed providers. *The Governor does not recommend funding*

Hospital Dietary System. The Department requests \$155,000 from Information Technology Investment funds to replace the dietary/nutrition management software system to streamline the planning, production and meal delivery for Eleanor Slater Hospital and the psychiatric hospital. This will support patients at both the Cranston and Zambarano campuses. This includes \$80,000 for FY 2023 to purchase the software and \$15,000 annually for FY 2024 through FY 2028 for related operating expenses. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Zambarano Campus - Redundant Line. The Department requests \$190,000 from Information Technology Investment funds to install a secondary data line connecting the Zambarano campus to the state network. This includes \$150,000 for FY 2023 to purchase the system and \$8,000 for related operating expenses for FY 2024 through FY 2028. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Davies School Replacement/Renovation	New	\$ 35,000,000	\$ 35,000,000
School for the Deaf Asset Protection	Revised	959,000	1,339,974
Davies School HVAC	Revised	250,000	2,291,980
Met School Asset Protection	Revised	4,755,000	7,351,089
Davies School Asset Protection	Ongoing	2,511,000	5,248,373
Davies Health Career Classrooms	Ongoing	-	6,513,750
School Construction Bond	Ongoing	312,800,000	500,000,000
Total		\$ 356,275,000	\$ 557,745,166
Sources of Funds			
General Obligation Bonds		\$ 312,800,000	\$ 500,000,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds		43,475,000	57,745,166
Total		\$ 356,275,000	\$ 557,745,166

Summary. The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education requests capital project expenditures totaling \$714.8 million, including \$412.5 million to be spent in the FY 2024 through FY 2028 period. This includes six new projects, including two for Davies Career and Technical School and two for the Met School. The request assumes passage of a second \$250.0 million general obligation bond that will go before the voters on the November 2022 ballot to support local school construction projects. The first referendum was approved by the voters on the November 2018 ballot. *The Governor recommends \$557.7 million in total project costs with \$356.3 million to be spent in the five-year period for seven projects, one of which is new.*

Davies School Replacement/Renovation. The Council requests total project costs of \$35.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to replace or significantly renovate the 1970s wing of Davies Career and Technical School. This space houses academic classrooms and lab space, including the pre-engineering, graphics and interactive media programs, and is reportedly in need of significant renovations. Previous capital requests have included related projects. One called for \$50.0 million for FY 2020 to design and begin construction on a new school, then estimated to cost \$150 million. Another request included \$5.0 million for FY 2021 to design a new building; neither request was funded. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

School for the Deaf Asset Protection. The Council requests total project costs of \$2.6 million primarily from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. This is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan, including \$30,000 of prior year expenses, which appear to be included in error, and \$300,000 for two new years of funding. This includes \$100,000 for FY 2023, \$450,000 for FY 2024, \$550,000 for FY 2025, \$350,000 for each FY 2026 and FY 2027, and \$175,000 for each FY 2028 and the post-FY 2028 period. Current year projects include security enhancements and resurfacing of the athletic track. Future projects include gymnasium repairs, resurfacing the parking lot, and improving the teaching kitchen. *The Governor recommends \$1.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds through FY 2028 to primarily fund the safety and security projects.*

Davies School HVAC. The Council requests total project costs of \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for repairs to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system at Davies Career and Technical

School. Adjusted for the exclusion of \$0.5 million of prior expenditures, the request is \$750,000 more than the approved plan. This includes the enacted amount of \$1.2 million for FY 2023 and new funding of \$150,000 annually from FY 2024 through FY 2028. Funding in the current year would be used to address repairs and roof top units in the 1990s wing; annual funding thereafter would be used for asset protection specifically for the school's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. *The Governor recommends \$2.3 million, which includes new funding of \$50,000 annually from FY 2024 through FY 2028.*

Davies School Asset Protection. The Council requests total funding of \$3.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at Davies Career and Technical School in the five-year plan. This includes the enacted amount of \$0.5 million for FY 2023 and \$0.8 million annually from FY 2024 through FY 2028. The request increases approved annual asset protection funding by \$250,000 beginning in FY 2024 and includes an additional year of funding for FY 2028. Funding would be used to address external facility deficiencies, including window replacement and repointing of brick and concrete, and American with Disabilities Act compliance, including replacement of railings. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan and adds \$511,000 for FY 2028. He excludes the \$424,389 of unspent funds reappropriated from FY 2022 to FY 2023.*

Met School Asset Protection. The Council requests total project costs of \$7.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at the Met School. This is \$4.3 million more than the approved plan, adjusted for the roof replacement project requested separately. Funding will be used for asset protection projects at the Met School's Peace Street and Public Street campuses in Providence and the East Bay campus in Newport, though specific projects for the additional funding requested have not been identified. The request includes \$0.8 million for FY 2023, \$2.0 million for each FY 2024 and FY 2025, and \$250,000 annually from FY 2026 through FY 2028. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan through FY 2027 and adds \$255,000 for FY 2028.*

Davies Health Career Classrooms. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests total project costs of \$7.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for renovations to health career classroom space at Davies Career and Technical School, including \$6.5 million for FY 2023. Davies offers programs to students interested in health careers, including certified nursing assistant and pharmacy technician. Classrooms for these programs are located in a modular building, which was opened in the 1970s and has since exhausted its useful life. Funding will be used to construct new space attached to the 1990s portion of the building to accommodate the programs, including hiring an owner's representative, architecture and engineering work, and space upgrades. Existing equipment is anticipated to be reused in the new space. *The Governor concurs.*

School Construction Bond. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests \$500.0 million from general obligation bonds for local school construction and renovation projects. This includes \$250.0 million approved by voters on the November 2018 ballot, of which \$171.7 million has been issued, and \$250.0 million to be put before the voters on the November 2022 ballot. Approval of the bond measure in 2018 triggered several temporary incentives that could increase the state share of a local district's projects by up to 20.0 percent. Incentives include 5.0 percent increases for each of the following: health and safety, educational enhancements for programs such as career and technical education, consolidation of facilities, improving functional utilization of a facility, and replacing a facility that has a facilities condition index of 65.0 percent or higher. To receive the incentives, projects must meet spending requirements and begin and end within a specific time frame.

The Council's request programs existing bond funds at \$100.0 million for FY 2023 and \$28.3 million for FY 2024. It assumes use of new bond funds beginning in FY 2024 with \$25.0 million for total FY 2024 funding of \$53.3 million. The request programs remaining new bond funds as \$75.0 million for FY 2025, \$100.0 million for FY 2026, \$46.2 million for FY 2027, and \$3.7 million for FY 2028. Funding will be used to support the state share of the traditional housing aid program and offered to districts on an upfront

basis. The School Building Authority operationalized this requirement by offering 15.0 percent of the base state share of estimated project costs, including interest for those projects that are bond funded. Funding cannot be used to reimburse debt service for previously approved projects. *The Governor shifts \$34.5 million from FY 2023 to FY 2024 and concurs with the remainder of the request.*

School Facilities Assessment. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests \$3.5 million from the School Building Authority's available resources to conduct a survey of local public school facilities. Under Section 16-105-3(14) of the Rhode Island General Laws, a facilities needs survey should be conducted at least every five years. The most recent survey results were published in 2017 and identified \$2.2 billion of public school building deficiencies across the state. That study was supported with \$3.4 million from general revenues and \$1.0 million from the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation. The new assessment is estimated to cost \$0.9 million less than the 2017 survey as there has not been a significant change in the state of school facilities since that report. The assessment may be funded from the general revenue appropriation for school construction, if funding remains after all entitlements are paid. It should be noted that the project is likely to occur over two fiscal years based on the amount of time needed to acquire a vendor, review school facilities, and publish findings. *The Governor does not show this project in his capital plan but assumes the Department will use its available School Building Authority resources to fund it as requested.*

Van Replacement. The Council requests \$36,000 from state fleet revolving loan funds to purchase a new eight passenger vehicle for the School for the Deaf. The request would replace a 2002 Chevrolet Traverse which has not been operational for at least one year and can no longer pass inspection. The vehicle will be used by the audiology center to conduct offsite hearing tests and to transport students to athletic and educational competitions. The request assumes annual payments of \$6,000 from FY 2023 through FY 2028. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

School Building Authority Capital Fund. The Council requests \$40.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to support the School Building Authority Capital Fund. Funding would be used to provide the state share of traditional housing aid upfront for projects in those local education agencies with a 60.0 percent or greater state share ratio. Impacted communities include Central Falls, Providence, Pawtucket, West Warwick, and Woonsocket. Under the traditional school housing aid program, local education agencies are reimbursed for school construction projects upon completion. The request programs \$5.0 million for each FY 2024 and FY 2025 and \$10.0 million for each FY 2026 through FY 2028. The request is in addition to the \$50.0 million from general revenues appropriated for the capital fund for FY 2023, of which at least \$30.0 million is estimated to be used for this initiative. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds do not appear to be an appropriate source of funds for this as it is typically used for state facilities. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Davies Technical Programs Renovations. The Council requests \$10.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for new renovations and repairs to Davies Career and Technical School. Upgrades would be targeted to the electrical and renewable energy, automotive mechanics, and automotive collision programs. The programs are located in the 1991 wing of the facility and have not been renovated since its original construction. Each shop area would be renovated and updated with new equipment, similar to the advanced manufacturing and health career classrooms projects. The request is roughly equivalent to three times the advanced manufacturing enhancements to address the three noted program areas; however, no specific cost estimates have been established and are subject to change. The School noted that shop spaces will be designed based on the total funding authorization provided. The request programs \$3.5 million annually from FY 2024 through FY 2026. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Met Middle School. The Council requests \$30.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to construct a new middle school facility for the Metropolitan Career and Technical School in Providence. The new school is projected to be 45,000 square feet and serve up to 300 students across grades six through eight.

The School noted three reasons for expansion, including addressing student social and emotional needs earlier, recruitment for high school, and passage of the federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act in 2018. Often referred to as Perkins V, the act authorized use of associated federal funding for career exploration activities as early as grade five. Students in the new middle school would be exposed to careers sooner and would be able to participate in internship opportunities as early as grade nine. Additionally, rising eighth graders would account for roughly half of incoming freshman, reducing recruitment efforts for new high school students.

The request programs \$7.5 million in each FY 2024 and FY 2026 and \$15.0 million for FY 2025. The request assumes \$1.5 million for architectural and engineering services, and potentially land acquisition if necessary. The remaining \$28.5 million would fund construction and furnishings. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Met School Roof Replacement. The Council requests \$4.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to replace the roofs of the Met School's Providence campuses. Funding for this and the school's asset protection project, requested separately, were merged in the last budget cycle. The School reports that it requested to reestablish the roof work as a standalone project because it is a major renovation, rather than a smaller repair usually associated with asset protection work. The request is \$150,000 more than previous requests and shifts funding among years, reflecting updated costs and schedules. The buildings were constructed in 2002 and 1998, respectively, and have their original roofs which have exceed their 15-year life expectancy. The request programs \$0.2 million in FY 2023, \$0.6 million in FY 2024, and \$1.8 million each in FY 2025 and FY 2026. It should be noted that since the enacted budget includes sufficient funding for this work through the asset protection project, this project could still begin without separate approval. *The Governor does not recommend this as a stand-alone project.*

Public Higher Education

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Systemwide			
Asset Protection	Revised	\$ 105,812,573	\$ 262,682,290
Office of Postsecondary Commissioner		614,949	14,608,624
Community College		72,651,735	102,502,530
College		95,225,000	174,858,719
University		651,647,649	1,032,353,858
Total		\$ 925,951,906	\$1,587,006,021
Sources of Funds			
Certificates of Participation - New		\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Certificates of Participation		614,949	10,608,624
General Obligation Bonds		189,289,765	427,800,000
Other Funds		55,779,275	80,958,129
Rhode Island Capital Funds		322,676,238	585,103,956
RIHEBC		300,299,970	413,859,414
University and College Funds		37,291,709	48,675,898
Total		\$ 925,951,906	\$1,587,006,021

Summary. The governing bodies approved five-year capital requests for projects totaling \$2,267.1 million, of which \$1,283.6 million would be spent between FY 2024 and FY 2028; \$181.0 million would be spent in FY 2023. *The Governor recommends \$1,587.0 million with \$926.0 million to be spent in the FY 2024 through FY 2028 period and \$115.0 million to be spent in FY 2023. Average outlays for the five-year period total \$185.2 million.*

New Bond Initiatives. The request includes \$526.0 million from new general obligation bonds for four projects, including two at the University and one each at the College and Community College. The University's Life Sciences Building project would be placed on the November 2024 ballot with a total cost of \$76.6 million. The University's Historic Quadrangle Building Renovations Phase I project would be placed on the November 2026 ballot with a total cost of \$96.3 million.

The new general obligation bonds for the phased renovations of academic buildings at the College are divided among several ballot years. The Academic Buildings Phase V project would include one referenda on each November ballot in 2024, 2026, and 2028. The cost of the referenda would be \$70.0 million, \$38.0 million, and \$80.0 million.

The new general obligation bonds for the Community College's Campuswide Renovation and Modernization Phase II through IV projects would include one referenda on each November ballot in 2024, 2026, and 2028 at \$55.0 million each. Annual debt service for all the newly requested general obligation bonds, assuming 20 years and a 5.0 percent interest rate, is \$42.2 million with a total cost of \$859.3 million.

Project		2024 Ballot	2026 Ballot	2028 Ballot
Historic Quadrangle Building Renovations Phase I	URI	\$ -	\$ 96,300,000	\$ -
Life Sciences Building	URI	76,600,000	-	-
Academic Buildings Phase V: Fogarty, Whipple, and Adams Library	RIC	70,000,000	38,000,000	80,000,000
Renovation and Modernization Phase II-IV	CCRI	55,000,000	55,000,000	55,000,000
Total		\$ 201,600,000	\$ 189,300,000	\$ 135,000,000

The Governor's capital budget does not contemplate any new bond initiatives. Those will be presented next year.

Other Debt. The request also includes projects funded from revenue bonds. If a revenue stream is available, that revenue pays the debt service on the bonds. For example, housing fees would pay the debt service on a new dorm or renovation project. With projects for which there is no dedicated revenue stream, debt service is paid from either general revenues or tuition and fee revenues. The current request includes a total of \$413.9 million from revenue bonds, including \$297.4 million in the five-year period. Annual debt service on the \$297.4 million, assuming 20 years and a 5.0 percent interest rate, is \$23.9 million. Annual debt service on the entire \$413.9 million is \$33.2 million.

The Governor does not submit any resolutions for Assembly approval of debt though he programs funding beginning in FY 2024 for one project that would likely require such approval this year; the \$20.0 million for the PFAS Removal Water Treatment Plant project at the University. Annual debt service on that, assuming 20 years and a 5.0 percent interest rate, is \$1.6 million

Systemwide Projects

Asset Protection. The approved plan includes \$107.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects in the five-year period FY 2023 through FY 2027. The governing bodies request \$125.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for that same period and assume use of \$25.3 million for FY 2023 and \$23.9 million for FY 2024. The five-year request for the period FY 2024 through FY 2028 is \$126.8 million, an increase of \$43.5 million over the approved capital plan. This includes the addition of \$26.6 million for FY 2028. For the University, the request is \$17.5 million more than the approved capital plan, which reflects \$4.3 million more for each FY 2024 and FY 2025, \$4.2 million more for FY 2026, \$4.7 million more for FY 2027, and \$17.8 million for FY 2028. The five-year request for the College adds \$6.0 million for FY 2028. For the Community College, the request adds \$2.7 million, for FY 2028. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan for FY 2024 through FY 2027 and adds an additional year of funding for all institutions, increasing the annual total by about two percent. For FY 2028, this includes \$2.8 million for the Community College, \$6.2 million for the College, and \$13.5 million for the University.*

Postsecondary Commissioner

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>Office of Postsecondary Commissioner</i>			
Higher Education Center	Revised	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
Nursing Education Center	Ongoing	614,949	10,608,624
Total		\$ 614,949	\$ 14,608,624

Higher Education Center. The Office requests \$4.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the creation and expansion of the Woonsocket Education Center, which officially opened on August 21, 2022. This is \$1.0 million more than the approved plan and programs this funding in FY 2024 to broaden the

scope to include expanding to the second floor of the building to meet the demand for workforce development and training programs. Funding will cover the cost of leasing the second floor as well as providing furniture, fixtures, and technology equipment for classrooms, common areas, and administrative offices. The original capital approval had proviso language that required that state funding comprise no more than 50.0 percent of the total capital cost. The Office is requesting that the expansion of the Center not include the proviso language, but notes that it will continue to seek grant funding and private donations if the match requirement is upheld. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan.*

Nursing Education Center. The Office requests use of the remaining \$0.9 million from Certificates of Participation to furnish and equip the Nursing Education Center, originally authorized by the 2014 Assembly. The request includes \$0.3 million annually from FY 2023 through FY 2025 and \$0.1 million for an additional year of funding for FY 2026. This will provide instructional equipment, new simulation software and hardware, and improvements to the facilities. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Datacenter Replacement. The Office requests \$240,000 from the Information Technology Investment Fund for FY 2024 to replace its datacenter with a hybrid-based solution that has both physical systems on site and portions of operations being cloud-based. By October 2023, its datacenter host servers and central data storage will be out of warranty and susceptible to failure. Its network, security, and battery backup devices are over ten years old and are no longer supported by the original equipment manufacturer. The Office is concerned that this would leave student data and other secure data vulnerable to a cyberattack. This was requested last year for less as it was just cloud-based, but was not approved. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Westerly Education Center Computers. The Office requests \$53,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 to replace computers and provide Microsoft Server 2019 licenses at the Westerly Education Center. The computers and the two servers are no longer supported by the manufacturer and need to be replaced to ensure cyber security. The Westerly Education Center opened in 2017 and is designed to be financially self-sustaining and its restricted receipt account had a balance of \$1.4 million as of September 2022. The Office subsequently indicated it would include a request for general revenues in its operating budget instead. *The Governor does not recommend funding from either source.*

Westerly Education Center Expansion. The Office requests \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 to expand the Westerly Higher Education and Job Skills Center to an annex site and has begun site exploration. The expansion will allow the Center to create a Computer Numerical Control Machine Laboratory, a Pearson Certified Nursing Assistant Skills Test Laboratory, additional classrooms, and conference space. The Westerly Education Center is designed to be financially self-sustaining and its restricted receipt account had a balance of \$1.4 million as of September 2022. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Westerly Education Center Furniture. The Office requests \$30,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 to replace and upgrade the furniture and fixtures in the classrooms and common areas at the Westerly Education Center. New modular furniture will allow for multiple configurations that will expand the instructional space to accommodate larger classes. The Westerly Education Center is designed to be financially self-sustaining and its restricted receipt account had a balance of \$1.4 million as of September 2022. The Office subsequently indicated it would include a request for general revenues in its operating budget. *The Governor does not recommend funding from either source.*

Community College of Rhode Island

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>Community College of Rhode Island</i>			
Campuswide Renovation and Modernization Phase I	Revised	\$ 45,771,735	\$ 52,000,000
Accessibility Improvements	Ongoing	1,550,000	2,823,045
Data, Cabling, and Power Infrastructure	Ongoing	12,940,000	15,000,696
Infrastructure Improvements - Flanagan Campus	Ongoing	11,000,000	12,500,000
Knight Campus Renewal	Ongoing	1,390,000	20,124,999
Knight Campus Second Floor Laboratories	Complete	-	53,790
Total		\$ 72,651,735	\$ 102,502,530

Campuswide Renovation and Modernization Phase I. The Community College requests \$52.0 million from all sources to renovate and modernize academic and student support spaces as well as other infrastructure on its four campuses. The request includes \$12.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in March 2021 and \$40.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. This includes the \$12.0 million approved by the 2022 Assembly for the next phase of modernization work which the Community College would use for additional work at the Lincoln Campus including classroom renovations, student commons upgrades, simulation laboratory expansion, and updated cost estimates for upgrading the cameras and repaving the parking lot. Work began in FY 2022 and funding is programmed through FY 2026. *The Governor recommends total funding as requested, but delays use of \$6.9 million of bond funding programmed for FY 2023 to FY 2024 and FY 2025.*

Accessibility Improvements. Consistent with the approved plan, the Community College requests \$3.3 million for continued accessibility improvements on the Knight Campus. Funding includes \$2.8 million from the Governor's Commission on Disabilities and \$0.5 million from College funds. In addition to the Knight Campus, the Community College plans to bring the Flanagan campus bathrooms, athletic restrooms, and a lecture hall into full Americans with Disabilities Act compliance while also addressing plumbing that is original to the campus. *The Governor concurs but excludes the \$0.5 million of prior year's spending of College funds from the project total.*

Data, Cabling and Power Infrastructure. The Community College requests \$15.0 million from multiple sources for the assessment, design, and construction of modernized data, cabling, and power infrastructure across the four campuses. The project will include upgrades to network wiring, infrastructure capacity, and support of various systems such as voice over internet protocol phones. Funding includes \$13.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$1.4 million from College funds. The request is consistent with total funding included in the approved plan, but shifts \$0.4 million from College funds from FY 2022 and FY 2023 to FY 2026 to align with the delayed completion date reflected in the approved plan. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request.*

Infrastructure Improvements - Flanagan Campus. The Community College requests \$12.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for renovations and upgrades to the Flanagan Campus, located in Lincoln. Total funding is consistent with the approved five-year plan, but advances \$2.0 million from later years to FY 2024. Subprojects include laboratory expansion and renovation, classroom and learning space renovations, building renovations, and renovations to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. The Community College notes that there is a \$0.2 million shortfall between the request and the project's known costs, but anticipates using its separate allocation of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection to fill the gap. The request also excludes \$0.7 million in prior spending. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Knight Campus Renewal. Consistent with the approved plan, the Community College requests \$22.3 million for the Knight Campus Renewal project. Funding includes \$20.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$0.9 million from College funds, and \$1.2 million from 1977 auxiliary bond funds redeemed by the Community College during the spring of 2015. Funding is programmed through FY 2024. The last remaining component of the project is the Student Services renovation. The purchase order was issued to the vendor at the end of July 2022. Current estimates assume completion in summer 2025. *The Governor recommends Rhode Island Capital Plan funds consistent with the approved plan but excludes College and revenue bond funds.*

Knight Campus Second Floor Laboratories. The Community College requested \$2.9 million for the renovation of the physics and engineering labs at the Knight Campus in Warwick. Funding includes \$2.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$94,900 from College funds, programmed through FY 2023, one more year than the approved plan, and includes \$53,790 in FY 2023. The scope of renovations includes lab equipment replacement, updating the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and closing off the labs that are currently open classrooms. *The Governor recommends funding as requested for FY 2023, but excludes all prior spending.*

Campuswide Renovation and Modernization Phase II-IV. The Community College requests \$165.0 million from new general obligation bonds on three successive ballots to renovate and modernize academic and student support spaces as well as other infrastructure on its four campuses. The 2022 Assembly approved \$12.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for some of the work requested for this project last year, but the Community College shows that funding as part of the Phase I renovation. The request includes \$55.0 million in referenda being presented to voters in 2024, 2026, and 2028. The total cost of the three bonds, assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year term, would be \$269.6 million with annual debt service of \$13.2 million supported by general revenues.

The Community College noted that each bond would fund a separate phase of the work across all campuses. This is a comprehensive renovation and modernization which the request breaks down into seven categories: core building infrastructure upgrades, upgraded student services and common areas, expanded campus technology, improved energy efficiency, modernized academic and student support space, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, and campus vehicle circulation and traffic flow. Projects in all categories would be funded from the 2024 ballot; all but the modernize academic and student support space and Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements are continued to the 2026 ballot. The 2026 phases include only building infrastructure upgrades, expansion of campus technology, modernization of academic and student support spaces, and upgrading student services and common areas. The Community College utilized the Facilities Master Plan's recommendations, completed in January 2020, to establish the seven categories that work will fall under. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Rhode Island College

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>Rhode Island College</i>			
Academic Buildings Phase III	Revised	\$ 37,000,000	\$ 53,000,000
Infrastructure Modernization	Revised	28,225,000	61,858,719
Academic Buildings Phase IV: Student Services One-Stop	Ongoing	30,000,000	35,000,000
Horace Mann Renovation (School of Education)	Ongoing	-	25,000,000
Total		\$ 95,225,000	\$ 174,858,719

Academic Buildings Phase III. The College requests \$53.0 million including \$38.0 million from general obligation bonds that received voter approval in March 2021 and \$15.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to complete the third phase of a four-phase project to modernize and rehabilitate essential

academic buildings. The Clarke Science building is 43,126 square feet and includes several labs, two lecture halls, classrooms, and faculty offices. The building was rated to be in poor condition as part of a facilities condition assessment in September 2016. The College projected that the renovations will extend the useful life of the building by 50 years. The 2022 Assembly provided \$15.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to address a shortfall identified by the College subsequent to the Governor's recommendation. Total funding is consistent with the approved plan but reprograms funding among years. This project is currently in the design phase. *The Governor recommends total funding as requested, but shifts \$2.0 million of bond funds requested for FY 2025 to FY 2023.*

Infrastructure Modernization. The College requests \$59.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds programmed through FY 2028 for infrastructure modernization. This is \$5.9 million more than the approved plan and reflects the addition of funding for FY 2028 for unspecified subprojects. Planned work includes the modernization and replacement of steam and sewer distribution lines, power plant upgrades, improvements for electric, gas and water systems, campuswide drainage improvements, signage improvements as well as supporting information technology network improvements. This project appears to be designed to promote ongoing support for improvements similar to asset protection. The College reported that the subprojects are progressing. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan, adds \$5.9 million for FY 2028, and excludes \$0.2 million of prior year spending.*

Academic Buildings Phase IV: Student Services One-Stop. Consistent with the approved plan, the College requests \$35.0 million from the American Rescue Plan Act Capital Projects Fund to establish a one-stop student services facility. Funding includes \$5.0 million in FY 2024, \$15.0 million each in FY 2025 and FY 2026. The College completed a feasibility study during FY 2022 that examined two possible options for the one-stop student services facility. The two options are: the first is to build a new stand-alone building on campus, the second is to renovate and reconfigure or demolish and rebuild, the Henry Barnard School. As of September 2022, no further decisions have been made since the completion of the study.

Student services that are proposed to be included in this consolidation are the bursar, financial aid, records, student customer services function, health services, and/or academic advising and support. The goal of this project is to create a centralized student services and support location that would be conveniently located and easily identifiable by the student body. This is part of the College's overall effort to remove deterrents that students face in completing their education and obtaining degrees, and believes that providing a centralized location will encourage student use. *The Governor recommends total funding consistent with the approved plan, but accelerates \$15.0 million from FY 2025 to FY 2024 to ensure timely obligation of the federal funds. No further decisions regarding the location have been made, but the proposal has been submitted to the United States Department of the Treasury.*

Horace Mann Renovation (School of Education). Consistent with the approved plan, the College requests \$25.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters on the November 2018 ballot to renovate Horace Mann Hall, home of the School of Education. This is the second phase of a four-phase project to modernize and rehabilitate academic buildings. Funding is programmed through FY 2023 and construction is currently underway. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Academic Buildings Phase V: Fogarty, Whipple, and Adams Library. The College requests \$188.0 million from new general obligation bonds to go on the November 2024, 2026, and 2028 ballots for voter approval to continue the fifth phase of its project to modernize and rehabilitate essential academic buildings. Funding is programmed from FY 2025 into the post-FY 2028 period. The fifth phase encompasses the modernization of the Fogarty Life Science Building, Whipple Hall and steam plant, and Adams Library/Student Learning and Success Center. The College does not know how the Adams Library/Student Learning and Success Center aspect of the project will be impacted by the Student Services One-Stop project. The request for the Fogarty Life Science Building is \$70.0 million for the November 2024 ballot,

\$38.0 million for Whipple Hall and the steam plant for the November 2026 ballot, and \$80.0 million for the Adams Library/Student Learning and Success Center project for the November 2028 ballot. Feasibility studies for the Fogarty Life Science Building and the Whipple Hall and Steam Modernization projects are planned for FY 2023 and the College anticipates completing a study for the Adams Library/Student Learning and Success Center during FY 2024. Debt service on the entire \$188.0 million is \$307.2 million. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

University of Rhode Island

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
<i>University of Rhode Island</i>			
Athletics Complex Renewal	New	\$ 54,100,000	\$ 54,100,000
PFAS Removal Water Treatment Plant	New	20,000,000	20,000,000
Repaving and Hardscape Improvements	New	10,503,100	20,000,000
Brookside Apartments II	Revised	168,332,069	170,600,000
Memorial Union Renovation and Addition	Revised	66,397,801	68,600,000
Narragansett Bay Campus Renewal - Phase II	Revised	125,000,000	125,000,000
Ryan Institute Laboratory Facility - Phase I	Revised	-	2,577,420
Academic, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Improvements	Ongoing	13,205,467	17,900,000
Ballentine Hall Expansion	Ongoing	16,762,135	17,800,000
Combined Health & Counseling Center	Ongoing	34,607,130	37,000,000
Dining Facilities Improvements	Ongoing	4,664,709	5,000,000
Engineering Building Renovations Phase I	Ongoing	-	125,000,000
Engineering Building Renovations Phase II	Ongoing	-	25,681,760
Facilities Services Sector Upgrades	Ongoing	11,957,289	13,000,000
Fine Arts Center Renovation & Addition Phase I	Ongoing	-	14,884,158
Fine Arts Center Renovation & Addition Phase II	Ongoing	55,834,249	78,300,000
Fire Protection Academic Phase II	Ongoing	6,393,198	21,450,000
Fire Protection Auxiliary Phase II	Ongoing	-	2,421,661
Fraternity Circle Master Plan Implementation	Ongoing	1,400,000	1,400,000
Narragansett Bay Campus Renewal Phase I	Ongoing	29,218,030	59,012,780
Ranger Hall Phase II	Ongoing	-	8,821,740
Repaving, Hardscape, and Landscape	Ongoing	3,028,510	12,185,615
Soloviev Basketball Practice Facility	Ongoing	-	7,900,000
Stormwater Management	Ongoing	4,700,000	4,700,000
Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase I	Ongoing	943,953	7,173,218
Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase II	Ongoing	14,762,884	15,450,000
Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase III	Ongoing	9,191,250	9,191,250
Whitehorn Brook Apartments	Ongoing	645,875	87,204,256
Total		\$ 651,647,649	\$1,032,353,858

Athletics Complex Renewal. The University requests \$82.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to renovate six athletic facilities. The request includes \$42.0 million for the Meade Stadium East Grandstands, \$12.1 million for the Slade Track and Field, \$10.3 million for the Beck Baseball Field, \$7.3 million for the softball field, \$6.2 million for the Tootell Aquatics Center, and \$4.4 million for the soccer field. While an advance planning study was completed on the stadium, track and field, and the pool, the request notes that a study needs to be completed to confirm the pricing of the baseball, softball,

and soccer fields; current cost estimates are based upon the findings of the track and field advanced planning study. The project will also examine the potential of constructing a new boat house for the rowing team. The six identified facilities were built during the late 1970s and early 1980s and have had only minor improvements since being constructed. Funding is requested from FY 2024 through FY 2026. *The Governor recommends \$54.1 million, which includes \$43.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$10.8 million from University funds to renovate the Meade Stadium East Grandstands and the Slade Outdoor Track and Field only. This is \$28.2 million less than requested and excludes the other components requested. His recommendation does not identify a specific source of University funds, which represents about a 20 percent match for the state support. His recommendation does not include language requiring the match.*

PFAS Removal Water Treatment Plant. The University requests \$20.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new project to construct a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) water treatment plant. Funding includes \$4.9 million for FY 2023 and \$15.1 million for FY 2024. The 2022 Assembly passed H-7233, Substitute A, that mandates all public water supply systems to not exceed PFAS contamination levels of twenty parts per trillion by July 1, 2023. If the public water supply system exceeds the legal level, the water system must provide potable water through other means to all users of the system, until monitoring indicates contamination levels have dropped. The University reports that its three wells exceed the legal limit and that a water treatment plant will be needed so that the water system will be compliant. The current cost estimate of \$20.0 million is based upon a preliminary assessment after the enactment of 2022 H-7233, Substitute A. Currently, an engineering firm is performing an additional analysis to determine the size of the treatment plant that the water system will need and is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. While the process of engaging an engineering firm to determine the size of the water treatment plant needed has begun, it is unlikely that the statutorily mandated deadline of July 1, 2023 will be met.

The Governor recommends the full \$20.0 million from new Certificates of Participation for FY 2024. The Governor did not submit a resolution for Assembly approval of the debt issuance. Assembly action would be required for the project to begin in FY 2024. Annual debt service on the \$20.0 million, assuming 20 years and 5.0 percent interest rate, is \$1.6 million, pending discussions with the Infrastructure Bank on federal support.

Repaving and Hardscape Improvements. The University requests \$20.0 million from new revenue bonds from FY 2027 through FY 2029 for a new project that is the fifth phase of its efforts to repave and reconstruct major parking facilities, internal roadways, and walkways. The total cost of the requested bond, assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year term, is \$32.7 million with annual debt service of \$1.6 million supported by parking fees for the parking lot portions of the project and general revenues, tuition and fees for the roads and walkways portion. Work will take place across three of the four campuses, including the Kingston, Narragansett, and Alton Jones campuses. Pare Engineering has been hired to further study, scope, and prioritize future repaving, hardscape, and landscape projects and has developed the selected projects and created construction documents for implementation in the summer of 2027 and 2028. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Brookside Apartments II. The University requests \$170.6 million for the construction of a new 500-bed apartment-style residence hall that would be designed similarly to Brookside Hall, which opened in January 2020. Funding includes \$163.1 million from revenue bonds approved by the 2022 Assembly and \$7.5 million from University funds with funding programmed from FY 2023 through FY 2026, two-years later than the approved plan which only assumed bond funding. The \$7.5 million increase reflects the inclusion of University auxiliary funds to address an updated cost estimate. The bond is expected to have an interest rate of 6.0 percent and a 30-year term, with maximum debt service of \$356.0 million. Debt service on the bond will be supported by fees charged to students living there.

The University identified an emerging housing shortage for its students that arose after submitting its FY 2023 capital budget and noted three changes that negatively impacted the student housing market. The first is the housing shortage that grew during the pandemic with remote workers opting to live full-time in their summer homes instead of renting to students during the academic year. The second is a recent change in a local ordinance that limits the maximum per rental dwelling of college students to three. The University lost its legal appeal in September 2021 that the ordinance was discriminatory, but in November 2022, a Superior Court judge struck down the ordinance. The third is an increased interest among upperclassmen to live on campus, where there is greater access to student resources. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Memorial Union Renovation and Addition. The University requests \$68.6 million for the complete renovation and expansion of Memorial Student Union, a 133,000 square foot, four-story building that houses over 180 student groups along with the organizations and offices for Student Affairs. The request includes \$57.6 million from revenue bonds and \$11.0 million from University funds, consistent with the approved plan. While total funding is consistent with the approved plan, the request adjusts all years of funding and extends the projects timeline two years to FY 2028. This includes \$2.2 million for FY 2023, \$2.6 million for FY 2024, \$15.4 million for FY 2025, \$22.4 million for FY 2026, \$22.1 million for FY 2027, and \$3.9 million for FY 2028. It proposes to renovate and expand the building, with a 9,000 square foot addition, while improving adjacent parking and landscaping. The 2019 Assembly enacted Article 6 of H 5151, Substitute A, as amended authorizing the debt, with total debt service not to exceed \$112.3 million on 6.0 percent interest over a 30-year term. This authorization was increased by \$6.1 million through Article 4 of 2021-H 6122, Substitute A, as amended to cover cost increases from a project delay. The delay in the current request did not result in cost increases as the scope of the project was reduced by nine percent to offset the projected cost impact. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Narragansett Bay Campus Renewal - Phase II. The University requests \$157.5 million for the second phase of a three-phase project to complete a comprehensive renewal of the Narragansett Bay Campus from FY 2024 through FY 2027. Funding includes \$100.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters on the 2022 ballot and \$57.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. While total funding is consistent with last year's request, it is \$25.5 million more than the approved plan as the University is requesting to complete the project as originally proposed. The increase includes \$32.5 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2026 and FY 2027, offset by the exclusion of \$7.0 million in private funds as confidence in ability to secure private funding is not as strong as when the project was originally approved. Annual debt service on the bond would be \$8.0 million assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term; total debt service would be \$163.4 million.

The University completed an advanced planning study for the renewal of the Narragansett Bay Campus in FY 2016, determining that extensive renovations or total replacement of existing buildings on the campus is necessary to meet the future programmatic plans. Phase I of this project is being funded by \$45.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by voters in November 2018 and \$12.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds which were added during the 2022 Session to account for cost overages. *The Governor recommends \$125.0 million of state support consistent with the approved plan and excludes private funds as requested*

Ryan Institute Laboratory Facility - Phase I. The University requests \$2.6 million for a project to fit out 2,400 square feet of laboratory space in the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences programmed for FY 2023. The request includes \$2.4 million from private funding and \$0.2 million from University funds, which is \$1.8 million less than the approved plan reflecting the project's completion under budget. The project is in the final closeout phase. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Academic Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Improvements. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$17.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a project to make

mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements in Fogarty and White halls. Fogarty Hall would get a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning distribution system to maintain a safe working environment and comply with current code requirements and new plumbing and electrical to prevent future failures, such as major flooding when the plumbing lines fail. White Hall would receive a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning distribution system to properly link it to a new boiler and chiller installed in the Richard E. Beaupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences building that were sized to also serve White Hall. Funding is programmed through FY 2024. Design is currently underway for White Hall, and Fogarty Hall is currently awaiting design proposals. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Ballentine Hall Expansion. The University requests \$17.8 million from private and University funds for the renovation and construction of an extension to Ballentine Hall. The 13,600 square foot building will have a 7,200 square foot addition for a business student success center, business analytics and AI lab, business application prototyping lab, advanced trading lab, corporate partner stations, an Executive-In-Residence, student lounge, and a renovated building lobby for the College of Business. While the total funding is consistent with the approved plan, the timeline of the project has been extended one year to FY 2025, reflecting delays in the design phase, and shifts \$51,539 from private funding to unrestricted general funds. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Combined Health and Counseling Center. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$37.0 million from revenue bonds and University funds for a project to combine its health services and the counseling center into a single facility. It reported that the capacity of both facilities is insufficient to meet the demand for services; the current physically separate facilities require duplications in support staff and medical recordkeeping. The 2019 Assembly authorized \$26.9 million of debt and the 2021 Assembly authorized an additional \$2.1 million of debt for this project. This project had been placed on hold so that the University could take the proper time to evaluate and modify the project to ensure that the provided facilities meet the students' health needs within the context of the new environment. Design resumed in September 2021 with construction completion expected in the summer of 2025, delayed one year. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Dining Facilities Improvements. The University requests \$5.0 million from University funds for the renovation and expansion of the dining distribution center. Total funding is consistent with the approved plan but extends the timeline out one year to FY 2025. Planned work includes improvements to the Hope Commons dining hall, expansion of the catering division, and the conversion of the distribution center from warehouse space to a kitchen. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Engineering Building Renovations - Phase I. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$131.9 million for the first phase of a project to renovate buildings encompassing 186,000 square feet in the engineering quadrangle. Funding includes \$125.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters on the November 2014 ballot, \$4.2 million from private funding, \$1.7 million from University funds, \$0.8 million from third-party financing, and \$0.2 million from restricted receipt funds. The first phase involves the demolition of Crawford, Gilbreth, Kelly, and Wales halls and Kelly Annex; renovations to Kirk Hall; site work modification to the Engineering Quadrangle; and the construction of a new building. The project has focused on the improvement of classrooms and offices, modernization of teaching laboratories, and upgrading elevators and restrooms. The heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems will also be replaced along with the roofs. Funding is extended one year through FY 2023 and the only remaining piece is addressing warranty issues. *The Governor recommends funding as requested and excludes \$6.9 million of prior year spending.*

Engineering Building Renovations - Phase II. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$26.9 million for the second phase of the engineering building renovation project, which is nearly completed. The request includes the \$25.5 million from general obligation bonds approved by voters on the November 2016 ballot, \$1.2 million from University funds, \$0.2 million of private funding, and \$30,837

of third party financing. The second phase of the engineering building renovation includes Bliss Hall and the construction of an addition to that building. *The Governor recommends funding as requested and excludes \$1.2 million of prior year spending.*

Facilities Services Sector Upgrades. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$13.0 million from revenue bonds to complete improvements to the service sector area that houses the operations and maintenance functions and stores equipment, furniture, and supplies. The project is programmed through FY 2026. The request calls for the demolition of the automotive garage and the grounds building. New buildings will accommodate equipment and furniture storage, automotive garages, and any workshops necessary in the facilities compound while largely hiding the operations from public view. The 2022 Assembly approved the revenue bonds and annual debt service is not expected to exceed \$1.2 million with a total cost not expected to exceed \$23.0 million supported by revenues from the University's unrestricted budget, including general revenues and tuition and fees. The Board of Trustees approved the resolution for the issuance of the bond at its September 23, 2022 meeting. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Fine Arts Center Renovation and Addition - Phase I. Consistent with the approved plan, the University's request includes \$14.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the Fine Arts Center programmed through FY 2023, one year later than the approved plan. The project will complete the first phase of comprehensive renovations and enhancements to the 120,720 square foot fine arts center on the Kingston Campus, which houses the musical, theatrical, visual and graphic arts programs. The first phase of the project involves the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system replacement and exterior envelope repairs; also included in phase one is design work for phase two which was completed during the beginning of FY 2023. The second phase would provide complete renovation to the 120,720 square foot building and reconfiguration and enhancements to the performance and studio facilities, parking lot, landscaping and storm water management system. The second phase is a separate request with \$57.3 million from a general obligation bond approved by the voters in a March 2021 special election, \$5.0 million from private funding, and \$16.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Fine Arts Center Renovation and Addition - Phase II. The University requests \$78.3 million to complete the second phase of comprehensive renovations and enhancements to the 120,720 square foot fine arts center on the Kingston Campus, which houses the musical, theatrical, visual and graphic arts programs. The request includes \$57.3 million from general obligation bonds, \$16.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and \$5.0 million in private funding. While funding is consistent with the approved plan, the request shifts \$8.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds from FY 2026 to FY 2024, assumes use of more general obligation bonds earlier, and accelerates the project's completion one year from FY 2026 to FY 2025. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Fire Protection Academic - Phase II. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$8.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the second phase of a two-phase project to upgrade existing fire alarm systems and install fire-suppressing sprinkler systems in all of the academic and administrative buildings that are not presently equipped with sprinkler and addressable alarm systems. Funding includes \$1.7 million for FY 2023, \$3.1 million for FY 2024, and \$3.3 million for FY 2025. The first phase of this project is complete. *The Governor recommends funding as requested and includes \$13.4 million of prior year funding.*

Fire Protection Auxiliary - Phase II. The University requests \$2.4 million from revenue bonds programmed through FY 2023 for the second phase of a two-phase project to upgrade existing fire alarm systems and install fire-suppressing sprinkler systems in all auxiliary enterprise buildings that are not presently equipped with sprinkler and addressable alarm systems. The request is essentially consistent with the approved plan. The scope of this project is to install sprinkler and upgraded alarm systems and to make

other mandatory and beneficial fire safety improvements, including emergency power for fire protection systems to preserve full occupancy in the event of power outages. Annual debt service is \$0.2 million over 20 years, for a total of \$3.4 million. Debt was issued in 2018 and is paid from auxiliary revenue sources. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Fraternity Circle Master Plan Implementation. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$1.4 million from third party and University funds for the second phase of a project to make road, utilities and landscaping improvements to Fraternity Circle during FY 2024 and FY 2025. Work for the second phase of the project includes the construction of pedestrian walkways, new site lighting, and recreational amenities. Construction for the first phase is complete and phase two will commence once a qualified architectural/engineering firm develops plans for the project. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Narragansett Bay Campus Renewal - Phase I. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$59.0 million for the first phase of a three-phase project to complete a comprehensive renewal of the Narragansett Bay Campus. The first phase includes improvements to the existing pier and marine operations facilities, which are necessary to adequately support the new 198-foot research vessel awarded by the National Science Foundation. Funding includes \$45.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2018, \$12.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, and \$2.0 million from private funding. The request accelerates \$6.0 million from general obligation bonds from FY 2024 to FY 2023. *The Governor shifts \$11.2 million, primarily of unspent funding programmed for FY 2022 to FY 2025, extending the project one year.*

Ranger Hall - Phase II. The University requests \$8.8 million for the second phase of the rehabilitation and restoration of Ranger Hall. Funding includes \$5.2 million from private funding and \$3.6 million from University funds. The request is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan from private funding to reflect additional payments to the contractor to ensure students could move in on time for the Fall 2022 semester. The project will allow for the renovation of the second floor of the hall, which houses the Harrington School of Communication and Media, as well as general assignment classrooms. The project was completed during the beginning of FY 2023, in time for the fall 2022 semester. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Repaving, Hardscape, and Landscape. The University requests \$12.2 million from revenue bonds through FY 2025 for the fourth phase of the effort to repave and reconstruct major parking facilities, internal roadways, and walkways. The funding is consistent with the approved plan, but extends the project by one year. The University has engaged Pare Engineering to further study, scope, and prioritize future repaving, hardscape, and landscape projects. The 2018 Assembly authorized the bonds and annual debt service is \$0.8 million with a total cost of \$16.9 million. Debt service is supported by parking fees for the parking lot portions of the project; general revenues and tuition and fees support the roads and walkways portion. The debt was issued December 2018. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Soloviev Basketball Practice Facility. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$7.9 million for the conversion of the West Gym located in the Tootell Physical Education Center to a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men's and women's basketball practice facility, which will include a new entry, court, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, and lighting. The request includes \$7.9 million from private funding, programmed through FY 2023. The project is currently under construction and is expected to be complete in time for the 2023 basketball season. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Stormwater Management. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$4.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for storm water improvements to existing drainage systems on campus from FY 2024 through FY 2026. The drainage improvements would provide additional storage volume

and improve channel and pipe sizes and alignment to reduce the frequency of overtopping and flooding along Whitehorn Brook, Ellery Pond and the adjacent areas that feed into these waterways. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Utility Infrastructure Upgrades - Phase I. The University requests \$7.2 million from revenue bonds for the first phase of the three-phase utility infrastructure upgrade project. The request is consistent with total funding included in the approved plan but extends the project one year through FY 2024. The project involves the replacement of the steam/condensation distribution, water and electrical distribution, sanitary sewer, and storm water management systems. The total request for all phases of the utility infrastructure upgrade plan is \$31.7 million from revenue bonds, including \$7.0 million for the first phase, \$15.5 million for the second phase, and \$9.2 million for the third phase. The total debt service for the first phase is \$10.0 million with annual debt service of \$0.5 million. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Utility Infrastructure Upgrades - Phase II. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$15.5 million from revenue bonds supported by general revenues and tuition and fees for the second phase of the three-phase utility infrastructure upgrade project. Funding is programmed from FY 2023 through FY 2025. The 2022 Assembly authorized the revenue bonds, and annual debt service is not expected to exceed \$1.4 million with a total cost not expected to exceed \$27.0 million. The Board of Trustees approved the resolution for the issuance of the bond at its September 23, 2022 meeting.

The total request for all phases of the utility infrastructure upgrade plan is \$31.7 million from revenue bonds, including the \$7.0 million for the first phase, \$15.5 million for the second phase and \$9.2 million for the third phase. The project involves the replacement of the steam/condensate distribution, water distribution, electrical distribution, sanitary sewer, and the storm water management systems. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Utility Infrastructure Upgrade - Phase III. Consistent with the approved plan, the University requests \$9.2 million from revenue bonds supported by general revenues, tuition and fees for the final phase of the three-phase utility infrastructure upgrade project. Funding is programmed from FY 2025 through FY 2026. The total request for all phases of the utility infrastructure upgrade plan is \$31.7 million from revenue bonds, including the \$7.0 million for the first phase, \$15.5 million for the second phase and \$9.2 million for the third phase. The project involves the replacement of the steam/condensate distribution, water distribution, electrical distribution, the sanitary sewer, and the storm water management systems. *The Governor recommends funding as requested. The Governor did not submit a resolution for Assembly approval of the debt which could be done in the 2024 session given the FY 2025 start date. Annual debt service on the \$9.2 million, assuming 20 years and a 5.0 percent interest rate, is \$0.7 million.*

Whitehorn Brook Apartments. The University's request includes \$92.3 million for a six story residence hall providing 500 new, apartment-style beds for third and fourth-year students. Funding includes \$85.2 million from revenue bonds, \$5.0 million from University funds, \$2.0 million from interest earnings, and \$97,273 from third-party financing. While the total requested funding is essentially consistent with the approved plan, the University has extended its timeline until FY 2024. While the residence hall portion of the project is complete and students have moved in, the project is in the final closeout phase, as it is in the process of preparing a permanent space for facilities operations staff relocated during construction. While this portion of the project has experienced delays in the past few years the replacement process has resumed and a request for proposals for the design is expected to be published fall of 2022. *The Governor recommends funding essentially as requested for FY 2023 and FY 2024, and excludes \$5.1 million of prior spending.*

Blue Technology Innovation Center. The University requests \$16.8 million for a new project to build a Blue Technology Innovation Center on the Narragansett Bay Campus. The request includes \$15.8 million from federal Economic Development Administration funding and \$1.0 million from third-party financing.

The new center will provide a renovation and addition to the existing Ocean Technology Center on the Bay Campus and will include a full suite of services to provide businesses with technology-based innovation support and wrap-around services for new and established companies, with a focus on helping establish pathways to business ownership and wealth-building for historically excluded communities. The facility will have laboratory spaces for collaborative prototyping, testing and proof-of-concept builds, spaces for industry and academia to work with partners on design, modeling, and digital verification, rentable working modules, convertible and open meeting space for presentation, training programs, events, and office space for staff and key partners.

The request from federal funds is included in the Blue Economy Technology Cluster grant application to the Economic Development Administration. At the September 23, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting, President Parlange announced that the grant application was not selected and that the University is actively working with the Economic Development Administration and the Executive Office of Commerce to secure alternative funding. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Historic Quadrangle Building Renovations - Phase I. The University requests \$96.3 million from new general obligation bonds to go on the November 2026 ballot for voter approval for the first phase of a project to renovate the buildings in the historic quadrangle. Funding is programmed from FY 2028 into the post-FY 2028 period. The request is \$11.4 million more than last year's request, which represents the cost escalation from the project being delayed two years. The first phase encompasses the renovation and restoration of Edwards, East, Washburn, and Morrill Halls. The total cost of this phase, assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year term, is \$157.4 million with annual debt service of \$7.7 million supported by general revenues. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Life Sciences Building. The University requests \$77.6 million for a new project to construct a laboratory and research facility to expand the Ryan Institute for Neuroscience. Requested funding includes \$1.0 million from private funding and \$76.7 million from a new general obligation bond to go before voters on the November 2024 ballot. This was requested last year at a total of \$63.2 million; however, the project was not approved. The request is \$14.4 million more than last year's request to account for the increased cost of construction and a start date that is two years later. The total cost of the requested bond, assuming 5.0 percent interest and a 20-year term, is \$125.3 million with annual debt service of \$6.2 million supported by general revenues. The request notes that this project directly aligns with several goals in its Transformational Goals for the 21st Century report, which identifies neuroscience as a field targeted for rapid faculty growth, and that developing a Ryan Institute laboratory facility demonstrates its commitment to invest in neuroscience. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Student Success Center. The University requests \$47.5 million from federal funding available to the state from the American Rescue Plan Act for the construction of a Student Success Center. The University notes that while this project was not selected for funding as part of the FY 2023 budget, it is requesting it again in the event unused funds become available. The request is for \$2.9 million during FY 2023, \$9.7 million for FY 2024, \$17.5 million for FY 2025, and \$17.4 million for FY 2026. It was requested last year at \$46.5 million. The request notes that the Student Success Center must be strategically located in or near the center of campus to signal the institutional values and priorities in support of students. The Center would replace the Carlotti building on the southwestern corner of the historic quadrangle and include the following components: Academic Advising Center, Center for Career and Experiential Education, Academic Enhancement Center, and Disability Student Services and Support. All of the services that will be housed in this new building already exist on campus and therefore would not result in any new associated operating costs. The University plans to engage a qualified architectural and engineering firm to develop plans for the project based on the programmatic needs identified in the ongoing advanced planning study. The timing of the project appears unrealistic as the request programs \$2.8 million in FY 2023, yet no funding is included in the enacted budget. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Rhode Island State Council on the Arts

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Creative and Cultural Economy Bonds	Ongoing	\$ 2,409,930	\$ 36,000,000
Total		\$ 2,409,930	\$ 36,000,000
Sources of Funds			
General Obligation Bonds		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 36,000,000
Total		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 36,000,000

Summary. The approved plan for the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts includes \$36.0 million from general obligation bond proceeds for the Creative and Cultural Economy Grants program. Funding includes \$30.0 million from general obligation bonds approved in 2014 and \$6.0 million approved in 2021. The approved plan includes \$1.2 million in the current year, \$1.1 million in each FY 2024 and FY 2025, and \$0.2 million in FY 2026 to exhaust existing funding. The Council did not submit a capital budget request. *The Governor recommends \$3.5 million for the current year, \$2.2 million for FY 2024, \$0.4 million for FY 2025, and \$0.5 million for FY 2026, which adjusts scheduling based on unspent FY 2022 funds.*

Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Asset Protection	Ongoing	\$ 251,000	\$ 806,887
Total		\$ 251,000	\$ 806,887
Sources of Funds			
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$ 251,000	\$ 806,887
Total		\$ 251,000	\$ 806,887

Summary. The Commission requests \$250,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center in Narraganset during the FY 2023 through FY 2028 period. The request is consistent with \$50,000 annually in the approved five-year plan and adds \$50,000 for an additional year of spending. The Commission divides asset protection projects into several categories to address immediate and long term needs of the facilities. These include landscaping improvements, exterior renovations, interior renovations, mechanical systems, and capability upgrades. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan for FY 2024 through FY 2027, provides \$51,000 for FY 2028, and eliminates \$39,129 of unused FY 2022 funds.*

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
State Preservation Grants	Ongoing	\$ 600,000	\$ 6,000,000
Old State House Renovation	Ongoing	250,000	500,000
Artifact Relocation	Ongoing	85,000	150,000
Total		\$ 935,000	\$ 6,650,000
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 310,000	\$ 600,000
General Obligation Bonds		600,000	6,000,000
Other		25,000	50,000
Total		\$ 935,000	\$ 6,650,000

Summary. The Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission requests total capital expenditures of \$6.7 million for three projects, consistent with the approved plan. Funding includes \$0.6 million from federal funds, \$6.0 million from general obligation bonds already approved by voters, and in-kind work valued at \$50,000. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request.*

State Preservation Grants. The Commission requests \$6.0 million from general obligation bonds to support the State Preservation Grants program. Compared to the approved plan, the request allocates \$0.6 million of unspent prior year funding as \$0.2 million for FY 2023 and \$0.4 million for FY 2024. The voters approved funding in 2002 and 2004 for capital preservation and renovation projects at public historic sites, museums, and cultural art centers that were located in historic structures throughout the state through general obligation bond proceeds. These are reimbursement grants that have matching requirements per regulations established in 2015. Voters approved \$5.0 million on the November 2014 ballot. Voters approved an additional \$1.0 million in the March 2021 special election to continue the program. The request includes \$4.7 million for the pre-FY 2023 period, \$0.7 million for FY 2023, and \$0.6 million for FY 2024. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request.*

Old State House Renovation. Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requests \$0.5 million from federal funds over FY 2023 and FY 2024 to bring the Old State House into regulatory compliance. Subprojects include asbestos abatement, updated fire alarms and sprinklers, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant elevator and bathrooms for all levels of the building. The goal of the work is to reopen the Old State House to the general public. It should be noted that the Department of Administration's budget contains \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds as match for this grant, including \$0.5 million for asset protection projects and \$0.5 million from Accessibility Renovation funds awarded by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request.*

Artifact Relocation. Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requests \$150,000 to relocate and catalog historical artifacts currently housed in the basement of the Old State House to a central repository at the University of Rhode Island over FY 2023 and FY 2024. This includes \$100,000 from federal grant funds and \$50,000 of in-kind staff cataloging and moving work to supply the required match. Storage space is provided by the University of Rhode Island. The Commission indicates that hundreds of boxes of historically significant, informally accepted artifacts are stored in deteriorating conditions. Relocating, repackaging, and cataloging artifacts would ensure their safety and the ability of researchers to access the collection. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request.*

Office of the Attorney General

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Building Renovations and Repairs	Revised	\$ 4,875,000	\$ 8,387,486
New Building and Other Renovations	Revised	500,000	51,069,126
Total		\$ 5,375,000	\$ 59,456,612
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 500,000	\$ 51,069,126
Rhode Island Capital Funds		4,875,000	8,387,486
Total		\$ 5,375,000	\$ 59,456,612

Summary. The Office of the Attorney General requests \$9.7 million for two revised projects, including \$5.4 million to be spent in the five-year period. The request includes the use of \$1.2 million from Federal Equitable Sharing funds, with \$0.5 million in the five-year plan. The remainder is from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommends \$5.4 million in the five-year period, as requested.*

Building Renovations and Repairs. The Office requests \$8.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection and building renovations at 150 and 180 South Main Street in Providence, which is \$4.4 million more than the approved plan. The increase reflects an additional year of funding at the annual level of \$150,000 for FY 2028 and the post-FY 2028 period, and \$4.1 million to expand the scope to include work at 180 South Main Street previously expected to be funded from another source. This includes \$2.4 million for FY 2026 to replace the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, \$1.0 million for FY 2027 to replace the windows, and \$0.8 million for FY 2028 to replace the lower roof. The United States Department of Justice did not approve funding this work with Federal Equitable Sharing funds as part of the New Buildings and Other Renovations project. That separate project request has been adjusted accordingly. *The Governor recommends funding through FY 2028 consistent with the request, but excludes \$0.1 million of prior year spending.*

New Building and Other Renovations. The Office requests \$1.2 million from its \$60.0 million share of Federal Equitable Sharing funds for asset protection work at 180 South Main Street in Providence which houses its data center, and 4 Howard Ave in Cranston. This funding is used to cover cleaning, maintenance contracts, minor interior repairs and renovations, and other expenses the Department of Justice deems allowable. The request is \$3.8 million less than the approved plan to reflect a shift of major renovation work the Department of Justice did not approve to the Office's state funded renovation project. This is offset by \$0.1 million for an additional year of funding. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request and adjusts the project total to include \$50.0 million of prior year spending excluded from the request.*

Department of Corrections

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Facilities Renovations	Revised	\$ -	\$ 23,093,986
Asset Protection	Revised	20,500,000	62,618,416
Total		\$ 20,500,000	\$ 85,712,402
Sources of Funds			
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$ 20,500,000	\$ 85,712,402
Total		\$ 20,500,000	\$ 85,712,402

Summary. The Department of Corrections requests \$399.4 million for the five-year period for total project costs of \$476.0 million, nearly all of which is from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. It also inadvertently includes \$2.7 million from federal funds, which is offset by a negative appropriation of a like amount in a separate project. The request is for four projects, two of which are new. It is \$391.1 million more than the approved plan, including \$366.4 million from new projects, though the full cost of those are not reflected in the request. *The Governor recommends \$20.5 million to be spent in the five-year period and \$9.3 million for use in FY 2023 for two projects.*

Facilities Renovations. The Department requests \$48.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for renovations at the Medium and High Security facilities, as well as the construction of a new firing range. The request is \$17.6 million more than the approved plan, adjusted to exclude \$0.9 million from prior years which is inadvertently overstated. Total funding for the Medium Security renovation remains consistent with the approved plan at \$29.6 million.

The request includes new funding of \$2.6 million for FY 2024 and \$6.2 million for FY 2025 for the construction of a new behavioral management unit within High Security that will provide psychiatric treatment for individuals who need specialized clinical intervention. The approved plan includes \$250,000 for FY 2023 for a feasibility study to determine the appropriate site, needs, design, and cost for the unit, which is maintained in the request. This unit would house between 75 and 100 inmates and provide 10 hours per week of unstructured out of cell time and require 32 staff to operate. The American Civil Liberties Union, the National Prison Project, and Disability RI filed a lawsuit against the Department in 2019, which alleged the Department's practices relating to inmates in need of clinical intervention was unconstitutional. The case consolidated several lawsuits involving the rights of incarcerated seriously and persistently mentally ill inmates and, as of the time of the request, is ongoing in federal court.

The request also adds \$8.2 million, including \$1.4 million for FY 2024 and \$6.8 million for FY 2025, for a new indoor firearms range at the Maximum Security facility. Annual weapons qualifications of correctional officers are required by statute; the Department has used the Camp Fogarty range, private ranges, and a municipal range to conduct qualifications. The Department indicates use of its own facility would allow for year-round training not dependent on availability of other ranges or weather and result in overtime savings though it has not done an analysis on the extent of those savings. This was requested as a separate project last year, but was not recommended by the Governor and the Assembly concurred. *The Governor recommends funding only in FY 2023, consistent with the approved plan.*

Asset Protection. The Department requests \$61.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects at various facilities, including \$5.1 million for FY 2023, and \$4.1 million annually from FY 2024 through the post-FY 2028 period. This request adds \$4.1 million for FY 2028 and the post-FY

2028 period, and is otherwise consistent with the approved plan. It also inadvertently includes \$2.7 million from American Rescue Plan Act funds. The project includes replacing plumbing, architectural and engineering costs, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacement across all its facilities. The request also assumes \$0.9 million for correctional officers to supervise work crews; state payroll costs are not an appropriate use of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

The current year's funding includes \$1.1 million for office renovations to house the investigations unit at the Attorney General's Office at the Pastore Center and \$1.0 million for digital license plate equipment. Currently, investigations unit personnel are scattered throughout several buildings. The renovations are intended to refit offices and cubicles to allow investigations unit personnel to be located at the same place. The license plate equipment would allow for the Department to produce digitally coded license plates for the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles, which would begin after the reissuance of license plates is complete. Purchasing new equipment and refitting office space is not considered asset protection funding. *The Governor adds \$4.0 million to account for previous years' expenses, excludes the erroneously requested American Rescue Plan Act funds, and concurs with the remainder of the request.*

Information Technology Projects. The Department requests \$22.2 million from all funds for a new project that includes various technological upgrades and replacements, adjusted to exclude an inadvertent error. By sources, it includes \$18.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$3.8 million from the Information Technology Investment Fund, and an inadvertent negative \$2.7 million appropriation from federal funds in prior year expenses. The request includes \$4.3 million for the current fiscal year, \$5.9 million for FY 2024, \$10.2 million for FY 2025, \$0.7 million for FY 2026, and \$0.6 million annually for FY 2027 and FY 2028. The project includes building a new system that would replace the existing facility tracking system, time tracking system, and purchasing network technology equipment. Consistent with the approved plan, it also includes upgrading its substance abuse tracking system, installing a Wi-Fi system, and purchasing a probation and parole E-supervision system through Information Technology Investment funds. Rhode Island Capital Plan funds have typically been limited to capital projects with physical assets and not information technology. *The Governor does not recommend this project; however, funding is maintained in the Department of Administration's budget for previously approved projects.*

New Maximum and High Security Facility and Minimum Security Facility. The Department commissioned a 25-year master plan for facilities renovations, conducted by CGL Industries in FY 2020. Based on that report, the Department requests \$344.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to build a new Minimum Security facility and to house the populations of the Maximum and High Security facilities and a new Minimum Security facility. The total requested is only a fraction of the projected cost. This is the same request as last year which was not approved.

The facility that would replace the two highest security facilities would be built on land currently occupied by the High Security facility. Construction would be complete in FY 2030 for a total project cost of \$366.0 million, including \$11.2 million for FY 2024 and \$106.4 million annually for FY 2025 and FY 2026. It would contain 776 beds, including 512 for two maximum security units, 108 for a single high security housing unit, 100 beds for mental health, and 56 for a medical infirmary. The July 2021 occupancy report showed 341 inmates at the Maximum Security facility and 76 at High Security for a total of 417 inmates.

The new Minimum Security facility is estimated to cost \$242.0 million and would be completed in FY 2034. For the five-year period, the request includes \$6.0 million for FY 2025 and \$57.0 million each for FY 2026 and FY 2027. The July 2021 occupancy at the Minimum Security facility was 124 inmates while the new facility is expected to contain 600 beds. The Department indicates that the existing design does not allow for the housing of certain types of inmates, such as sex offenders, to be housed there due to the lack of a secure perimeter. The new facility would allow space for 300 additional inmates primarily transferring from Medium Security. *The Governor does not recommend this project.*

Judicial Department

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Judicial Complexes Asset Protection	Revised	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 20,178,597
Judicial Complexes - HVAC	Revised	3,000,000	13,465,334
Licht Judicial Complex Restoration	Revised	3,100,000	6,500,358
Judicial Complexes - Fan Coil Unit Replacements	Revised	-	4,600,000
Garrahy Courtroom Restoration	Ongoing	750,000	1,750,000
Garrahy Judicial Complex - Asset Protection	Ongoing	4,500,000	5,199,407
McGrath - HVAC	Ongoing	-	225,000
Total		\$ 20,350,000	\$ 51,918,697
Sources of Funds			
Rhode Island Capital Funds		\$ 20,350,000	\$ 51,918,697
Total		\$ 20,350,000	\$ 51,918,697

Summary. The Judiciary requests capital expenditures of \$53.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$20.4 million will be used from FY 2024 through FY 2028 for eight approved projects. *The Governor recommends \$1.4 million less than requested, primarily from the exclusion of historical spending. The recommendation is essentially as requested.*

Judicial Complexes Asset Protection. The Judiciary requests \$20.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$9.0 million for FY 2024 through FY 2028 for asset protection projects. The request excludes \$2.6 million of prior spending, and appears to double count \$90,235 of unspent FY 2022 funding requested for FY 2023. Excluding that, the request is \$3.9 million more than the approved plan composed of \$0.8 million for FY 2024, \$1.1 million for FY 2025, \$0.3 million each for FY 2026 and FY 2027, and \$1.5 million to add funding for FY 2028. Projects planned through FY 2028 include upgrades for the elevators, fire suppression and alarm system, security system, LED lighting replacements, and interior restoration. The request reflects delays and cost escalations attributable to supply chain issues. It reallocates funding between certain project components and requests to use \$1.5 million previously appropriated for the Licht complex project for FY 2024 and FY 2025, to reflect the status of that project shifting from restoration to asset protection. The Licht project is anticipated to be completed during FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, adjusted for historical and prior year carry-forward spending.*

Judicial Complexes - HVAC. The Judiciary requests \$14.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$3.0 million for the five-year period for the ongoing replacement or restoration of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems for all judicial complexes, including Licht, Garrahy, Murray, McGrath, Kent, Traffic Tribunal, and the Fogarty Judicial Annex. The Judiciary utilizes this funding to address ongoing issues as they arise, and the request assumes funding indefinitely. It excludes \$2.8 million of prior spending, and appears to double count \$195,532 of unspent FY 2022 funding requested for FY 2023; it also adds \$500,000 for FY 2028. For FY 2023, projects include water heater replacement for the Fogarty complex, replacement of exhaust fans and air handling units at the Licht complex, replacement of all rooftop units and electric fan terminal units at the McGrath complex, and chiller replacement at the Murray complex. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, adjusted for historical and prior year carry-forward spending.*

Licht Judicial Complex Restoration. The Judiciary requests total project costs of \$6.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to complete major restorations for the Licht Judicial Complex. This is \$1.5 million less than the approved plan which provided \$750,000 for FY 2024 and FY 2025 that is not needed. During FY 2023 the Judiciary anticipates restoring the Supreme Court courtroom and chamber, the Court Administrator and support offices, and the justices' secure hallway and stairwells, completing this standalone project two years ahead of schedule. As such, the capital request incorporates the excess \$1.5 million into the asset protection project discussed separately. The request includes \$750,613 for the current year, which appears to double count \$613 of unspent FY 2022 funding requested for FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, adjusted for prior year carry-forward spending.*

Judicial Complexes - Fan Coil Unit Replacements. The Judiciary requests \$4.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$1.1 million more than the approved plan to continue to replace the fan coil units at the various judicial complexes. Many of the current fan coil units are approximately 30 years old, five years beyond their useful life. The Judiciary noted that replacement of the units will result in energy savings. The request includes funding consistent with the approved plan through FY 2026, and adds \$0.3 million for FY 2027 and \$0.9 million for FY 2028 to reflect the anticipated out-year cost escalation to complete the project. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Garrahy Courtroom Restoration. The Judiciary requests \$1.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for courtroom restoration projects in the Garrahy Judicial Complex, essentially consistent with the approved plan. The request appears to double count \$866 of unspent FY 2022 funding requested for FY 2023. Restoration projects include replacing courtroom seating and benches, sealing and repainting the walls, carpet replacement, and woodwork refinishing. The Garrahy complex has 27 courtrooms. The Judiciary estimated that it could complete four to five courtrooms per fiscal year, at an average cost of \$62,500 per courtroom; during FY 2022 it completed seven courtrooms and built out a new office space for additional capacity. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, adjusted for prior year carry-forward spending.*

Garrahy Judicial Complex - Asset Protection. The Judiciary requests \$4.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to restore the interior of the Garrahy Judicial Complex. Projects include repairing tiles, removing and replacing floors and carpets, sealing and repainting the walls and ceilings, woodwork refinishing, and refurbishing employee bathrooms. The total funding requested is consistent with the approved plan, but the request programs the funding over four years instead of two based upon updated estimates of the timing of each component. *The Governor recommends funding as requested and inadvertently shifts historical funding for the Murray Courtroom project to this project.*

McGrath - HVAC. Consistent with the approved plan, the Judiciary requests \$225,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to replace all 18 heating, ventilation and air conditioning rooftop units at the McGrath Judicial Complex in FY 2023. The Judiciary reported that these units are nearing the end of their useful lives; furthermore, that the location of the courthouse and elements these units are exposed to leads to a shorter useful life for these units than for units at other courthouses. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Murray Courtroom Restoration. The Judiciary requests \$0.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$593 carried from FY 2022 to FY 2023 to complete the restoration of the Murray Judicial Complex. The request appears to double count the unspent FY 2022 funding, but is otherwise consistent with the approved plan. The restoration projects included replacing courtroom seating and benches, sealing and repainting the walls, carpet replacement, and woodwork and ornamental plaster restoration. *The Governor's excludes the \$593 and, as previously noted shows historical funding with another project.*

Military Staff

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Counter Drug Training Facility	Revised	\$ 8,268,579	\$ 8,268,579
Quonset Airway Runway Reconstruction	Revised	75,205,000	84,500,000
Middletown Armory Addition	Revised	-	4,094,882
Quonset Air National Guard Headquarters Facility	Revised	49,000,000	49,000,000
Sun Valley Armory Addition	Ongoing	6,883,252	8,187,411
Quonset Air National Guard Facilities	Ongoing	83,521,000	130,367,500
Military Staff Asset Protection	Ongoing	20,602,820	56,386,915
Aviation Readiness Center	Ongoing	35,498,289	38,413,735
Armory of Mounted Commands Rehabilitation	Ongoing	-	3,558,875
Total		\$ 278,978,940	\$ 382,777,897
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 261,396,820	\$ 354,290,508
Rhode Island Capital Funds		17,582,120	28,487,389
Total		\$ 278,978,940	\$ 382,777,897

Summary. The Military Staff requests a total of \$462.7 million for ten projects, two of which are new. Funding in the five-year period includes \$246.9 million from federal funds and \$17.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. This is \$45.4 million more than the approved plan over the five-year period, including \$40.6 million more from federal funds and \$5.0 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

The Governor recommends total project costs of \$382.8 million, including \$28.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$354.3 million from federal funds, for nine projects, one of which is new. The recommendation assumes \$279.0 million will be spent in the five-year period from FY 2024 through FY 2028 and \$67.8 million for use in FY 2023.

Counter Drug Training Facility. The Military Staff requests \$13.5 million, including \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to construct a new counter drug facility at Camp Fogarty in East Greenwich. This is \$8.3 million more than approved, including \$3.0 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. Subsequently, the Military Staff noted it intended to request \$8.6 million, reflecting agency assumptions regarding the impact of inflation if the current project vision goes to bid a second time. Federal funds are available from asset forfeitures generated from the Rhode Island National Guard's counter drug activities and are part of the state's overall Google settlement. The facility would provide administration, classroom, storage, and barrack space to support counter drug training activities. The Military Staff received a construction bid in May 2022 that was higher than anticipated and requests Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to cover the difference, furnishings, and contingency. *The Governor recommends total project funding of \$8.3 million, including \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, which reflects the agency's original request.*

Quonset Airway Runway Reconstruction. The Military Staff requests \$84.5 million, including \$80.3 million from federal funds and \$4.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to upgrade runway 16-34 at Quonset State Airport. The request is \$27.0 million more than approved, including \$1.4 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, which it reports is the result of inflation and previously unanticipated

excavation work. The agency utilizes the Quonset State Airport for military operations, including training and aviation operations. According to the Military Staff, the airport's runway does not currently meet military regulations for safety overruns, taxiway separation, pavement type, and taxiway width. The project would permit the runway to accommodate most military aircraft.

As of September 2022, the Military Staff indicates the most recent cost estimate is approximately \$100 million as a result of national construction cost increases. This would increase the corresponding state share \$5.0 million. Although the state is only required to provide a 5.0 percent match, the project's further cost increases could result in hundreds of thousands in Rhode Island Capital Plan fund expenses. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request and does not update for the new estimate.*

Middletown Armory Addition. The Military Staff requests \$6.5 million to construct additional armory and storage space at the Middletown Armory, including \$5.5 million from federal funds and \$1.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The request is \$2.3 million more from federal funds for FY 2023 than the approved plan. The Military Staff indicates its request inadvertently double counts carry-over of \$1.4 million from federal funds and that the remaining increase of \$0.7 million reflects increased construction costs. The Military Staff indicates that the current facility lacks the necessary training, administrative, and storage space to adequately conduct its operations. The project required the acquisition of additional land from the Airport Corporation where the Middletown Armory is located, which was done in FY 2019. *The Governor recommends FY 2023 funding consistent with the request and adjusts for double counted carry-over funds.*

Quonset Air National Guard Headquarters Facility. Consistent with the approved plan, the Military Staff requests \$33.5 million, including \$30.5 million from federal funds and \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to construct an operations, training, medical, and dining facility on an empty lot at the Quonset Air National Guard Base. Leadership, medical, and support staff would relocate from the current facility, which the Military Staff indicated will substantially lower energy, maintenance, and other costs. The existing facility will be demolished.

Design work was fully funded by the National Guard Bureau and is now complete with construction expected to begin in FY 2024. The Military Staff indicates that estimated project costs exceeded federal funding approved by the National Guard Bureau, and it requests the state fund the difference from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. This would mean that the state is responsible for any future project cost increases unless more federal funds become available. *The Governor recommends \$15.5 million more than approved from federal funds to reflect updated project estimates and additional federal funding.*

Sun Valley Armory Addition. The Military Staff requests \$8.8 million, including \$8.0 million from federal funds and \$0.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to construct additional armory and storage space at the Sun Valley Armory. The Military Staff indicates its request inadvertently double counts carry-over of \$0.6 million from federal funds. The request delays the project one year and includes a remaining, intended increase of \$0.3 million from federal funds to reflect federal construction authorization. The Military Staff indicates that the current facility lacks space for sensitive equipment and egress routes currently doubling as additional storage space posing a safety hazard. The Military Staff indicates National Guard members do not have the necessary training space inside; outside training limits opportunities and exposes sensitive equipment to damage. State funds will be used for any unforeseen changes in construction and design costs above federal appropriations. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request for the five-year period and adjusts for double counted carry-over funds.*

Quonset Air National Guard Facilities. Consistent with the approved plan, the Military Staff requests \$83.5 million for the five-year period, including \$39.4 million for FY 2024, for various projects at the Quonset Air National Guard Base funded solely from federal National Guard Bureau funds. Larger projects include construction of a new Wing Headquarters and a 282nd Combat Communications Squadron facility,

renovations and repairs to base supply and vehicle maintenance buildings, and additional construction work and repairs to the base fire and crash rescue station. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request.*

Military Staff Asset Protection. The Military Staff requests \$20.6 million from all sources for the five-year period for asset protection projects, including \$15.5 million from federal funds and \$5.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The agency identified 16 distinct asset protection projects, including repairs and upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, masonry, latrines, generators, and environmental regulatory compliance. Compared to the approved plan, the request adds \$3.6 million to reflect the inclusion of funding for FY 2028. Annual asset protection funding is designed to be flexible for changing priorities without increases in any given year. *The Governor's recommendation includes FY 2028 funding as requested and excludes \$0.9 million from unused prior year funds.*

Aviation Readiness Center. Consistent with the approved plan, the Military Staff requests \$38.4 million, including \$35.6 million from federal funds and \$2.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to construct a National Guard Readiness Center that supports training, administrative and logistical requirements of the 1-126 Aviation Unit of the Rhode Island Army National Guard. The Military Staff currently utilizes three facilities that were not designed for military purposes and two of the facilities do not meet the minimum anti-terrorism and force protection requirements set by the Department of Defense. The new facility will be on state-owned land located at Quonset Point Airport and construction would begin in FY 2025 and finish in FY 2026. The request shifts Rhode Island Capital Plan funds forward one year; however, the Military Staff indicates it intended to request funding consistent with the approved plan.

This project is included in the Department of Defense's five-year Future Year Defense Program for \$28.1 million for 92.5 percent of total costs, including 95.0 percent of construction costs, and begins in FY 2024. The Department indicates funding through FY 2023 will be used for planning coordination between Military Staff and federal military designees who will validate that the facility meets requirements and construction cost estimates are met. Once an agreement is reached, design will be completed, likely in FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request, making funding available earlier than the request intended.*

Armory of Mounted Commands Rehabilitation. The approved plan includes \$0.7 million for a project to rehabilitate the Armory of Mounted Commands facility, including \$0.4 million from federal funds and \$0.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Military Staff indicates its request inadvertently double counts carry-over of \$0.7 million; it intended to request funding consistent with the approved plan. Individual components include heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems upgrades, elevator installation, roof replacement, parking lot paving, and exterior repointing. Funding is programmed through FY 2023. *The Governor recommends FY 2023 funding consistent with the approved plan and shows historical spending excluded from prior budgets.*

National Guard Information Technology. The Military Staff requests \$3.5 million from federal State Fiscal Recovery funds for a new project to purchase updated information technology equipment. Major items include 800 laptops, 200 desktops, 15 servers, and associated accessories for the Army National Guard. The Military Staff indicated that current information technology equipment is sourced directly from the Department of Defense and is not compatible with state government equipment and technology. This hampers coordination and efficiency in responding to domestic emergencies, and requires the use of National Guard members' personal devices. Existing information technology assets were overwhelmed by more resource demand and users than anticipated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds are almost entirely programmed for FY 2024. The Military Staff indicates it intended to request Information Technology Investment funds instead and that its request is overstated by \$20,405.

The Military Staff submitted a similar request last year for \$3.2 million that was not approved. The current request includes an additional \$250,000 to support the Air National Guard. *The Governor's capital budget does not reflect this project; however, his operating budget recommendation includes \$0.5 million from general revenues.*

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
RISCON Tower Replacement	New	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
RISCON 700 MHz Project	New	2,776,375	2,776,375
RISCON Warehouse	New	250,000	250,000
Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network	Revised	9,972,000	23,932,871
State Emergency Operations Center Upgrade	Revised	-	524,657
Emergency Management Building Feasibility Study	Ongoing	-	250,000
Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network Infrastructure Upgrades	Ongoing	1,400,000	2,684,400
Total		\$ 14,898,375	\$ 30,918,303
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 2,500,000	\$ 6,000,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds		12,398,375	24,918,303
Total		\$ 14,898,375	\$ 30,918,303

Summary. The Emergency Management Agency requests capital project expenditures totaling \$42.4 million, which is \$20.5 million more than the approved capital plan. The request programs \$24.5 million to be spent in the FY 2024 through FY 2028 period, and includes eight projects, four of which are new. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$30.9 million, including \$24.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$6.0 million from federal funds, for seven projects, including three new ones. This includes \$14.9 million to be spent in the five-year period and \$3.9 million for use in FY 2023.*

RISCON Tower Replacement. The Agency requests \$0.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 to replace a Rhode Island Statewide Communications System Network system tower that connects the northern part of the state to the rest of the public safety network experiencing issues. This tower is located in a heavily forested area and is unable to handle the installation of new equipment. The new tower would be constructed alongside the existing tower and would be lifted above the tree height to reduce radio interference currently experienced. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

RISCON 700MHz Project. The Agency requests \$2.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 to upgrade the high performance data system previously used by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to a frequency division multiple access simulcast trunking cell to expand the capacity of the emergency response communication system. The high performance data system was decommissioned because the manufacturer of the system no longer made the parts necessary to maintain the system; however, the infrastructure that was used by that system, such as towers, backhaul connections, antennas, lines, and radios are co-located with the current Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network.

To alleviate the strain of heavy traffic during a merger, the Agency proposes using existing high performance data system equipment, with some necessary modifications and additions, to create a sub system with additional voice radio capacity on a different frequency. As the Authority and the Department of Transportation are heavy users during emergencies, these entities would be shifted to the subsystem; all entities would be able to switch between the current system's 800MHz frequency and the 700MHz sub system frequency as needed. The Agency indicates the system would have a life expectancy of 20 to 25

years. It is not clear if requested expenses meet the standard for use of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

RISCON Warehouse. The Agency requests \$250,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2024 for a new project to conduct a feasibility study on a new warehouse for the state's public safety communication system and response materials, including equipment, vehicles and support staff. The Agency indicates the current warehouse, which is not state-owned, is inadequate and cannot be renovated to meet its spacing needs. The study would consider the location of the warehouse, as well as its configuration. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network. The Agency requests \$24.4 million, including \$1.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$0.5 million from federal funds annually for FY 2023 through FY 2028 for required and preventative maintenance to the Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network. The network is a radio system used to expedite emergency and disaster-related communications throughout the state. Requested funding is consistent with the approved plan for FY 2023 through FY 2025 and includes additional funding for FY 2026 through FY 2028. *The Governor recommends funding as requested with the exception of excluding \$0.5 million for previous years expenses.*

State Emergency Operations Center Upgrade. The Agency requests \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$0.5 million for FY 2023 and \$2.2 million for FY 2024, for a project to upgrade the State Emergency Operations Center. Consistent with the approved plan, this includes \$0.5 million in FY 2023, for new equipment, office reconfigurations, geographic information system software, and renovations to other spaces. The Agency also requests \$2.2 million in new funding for FY 2024 to replace the emergency generator, fuel tank, and satellite system and provide a training area during non-emergency periods. The approved plan includes \$250,000 for a separate project to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the current facility, and determine the feasibility of renovating other state facilities, or a more suitable location. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan.*

Emergency Management Building Feasibility Study. Consistent with the approved plan, the Agency intends to request \$250,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 for a feasibility study of its headquarters in Cranston and its warehouse facility for use as a State Emergency Operations Center; it inadvertently includes an additional \$250,000. In addition to other responsibilities, the Agency is tasked with providing a State Emergency Operations Center from which the state's response to man-made and natural disasters can be directed and coordinated. The study would evaluate the adequacy of the current facilities and determine the feasibility of renovating existing facilities, or a more suitable location. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the intent of the request.*

Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network Infrastructure Upgrades. The Agency requests \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to conduct software, equipment and hardware upgrades to increase the capabilities of the statewide communications system network. Requested funding is consistent with the approved plan through FY 2027 and adds \$15,000 for FY 2028. This will include replacing propane generators, providing more resilient fiber cable connections, adding repeaters to extend communications, and hardening systems. The network is a radio system used to expedite emergency and disaster-related communications throughout the state. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Geographic Information System. The Agency requests \$8.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to license a statewide geographic information system to enhance emergency response and preparation capabilities. The Agency reports that agencies using their own geographic information systems and different products slows coordination efforts and data sharing issues. The request includes funding of \$1.1 million, \$1.8 million, \$2.0 million, and \$1.5 million for FY 2023 through FY 2026 respectively and annual funding of \$1.1 million for FY 2027 and FY 2028. It does not appear that Rhode Island Capital Plan funds are an appropriate fund source for this project. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Department of Public Safety

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Asset Protection	Revised	\$ 5,165,000	\$ 8,444,697
Headquarters Roof Replacement	Revised	-	384,836
Portsmouth Barracks	Revised	-	77,697
State Police Body Worn Cameras and Vehicle Cameras	Revised	2,560,374	3,261,425
Training Academy Upgrades	Revised	4,335,000	6,255,757
Vehicle Replacement	Revised	15,525,000	19,529,405
Microwave System Replacement	Ongoing	749,262	1,211,120
New Southern Barracks	Ongoing	20,628,109	30,500,000
Total		\$ 48,962,745	\$ 69,664,937
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ -	\$ 271,250
General Revenues		5,635,374	10,069,580
Rhode Island Capital Funds		30,877,371	46,874,107
State Fleet Revolving Loan Fund		12,450,000	12,450,000
Total		\$ 48,962,745	\$ 69,664,937

Summary. The Department of Public Safety requests total project costs of \$87.0 million of which \$59.0 million would be used in the five-year period for ten projects. The total request is \$24.0 million more than the approved plan and includes eight revised projects. Funding in the five-year period includes \$44.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$10.9 million from State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds, \$0.7 million from federal funds, and \$0.6 million from general revenues.

The Governor recommends \$69.7 million including \$49.0 million in the five-year period for eight projects. This is \$17.3 million less than requested and reflects the exclusion of projects only shown in the operating budget, decreases for other projects, and more for the New Southern Barracks project.

Asset Protection. The Department \$7.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the five-year period for asset protection projects. The request is \$2.7 million more than the approved plan which reflects \$2.1 million to account for the increased cost of a variety of planned work, primarily for upgrades to the Department's communications tower and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning replacement at the Headquarters, and adds \$0.5 million for FY 2028. *The Governor recommends funding essentially consistent with the approved plan and adds \$0.5 million for FY 2028.*

Headquarters Roof Replacement. The Department requests \$1.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, which is \$0.3 million less than the approved plan, for replacement of its headquarters roof. The decrease reflects the actual cost of the roof replacement, as the approved plan included contingency funds that were not necessary. The request reflects an FY 2023 completion; one year later than planned. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request for FY 2023, but excludes prior spending.*

Portsmouth Barracks. The Department requests \$7.8 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the rehabilitation of the Portsmouth Barracks. The request is \$5.8 million more than the approved plan and extends the project's completion date two years to FY 2025 and represents a significant departure from the original plan. During the architectural and engineering process, it was determined that the original plan to

provide a simple rehabilitation of the barracks was not feasible to address water infiltration issues and comply with environmental, energy code, historical, and accessibility requirements. The more comprehensive rehabilitation reflected in the Department's request is consistent with the findings of the architectural and engineering cost estimator. It includes \$77,697 spent in FY 2022, \$25,000 for FY 2023, \$5.8 million for FY 2024, and \$1.9 million for FY 2025. *The Governor excludes funding. He separately recommends \$0.1 million from general revenues in the operating budget for a feasibility study to examine the operational presence of the State Police on Aquidneck Island.*

State Police Body Worn Cameras and Vehicle Cameras. The Department requests \$3.3 million for FY 2023 through FY 2027 for purchase, installation, and training of body-worn and vehicle cameras, which is \$2.1 million more than the approved plan. Funding includes \$3.0 million from general revenues and \$0.3 million from federal funds included in the Department of Justice's award to the Department and the Office of the Attorney General to purchase body cameras. The increase over the approved plan reflects the quote the Department received on July 15, 2022, from the camera vendor, Axon. The Department, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, held a public hearing on August 3, 2022 on the proposed adoption of the rules and regulations establishing statewide policies for the use and operation of body-worn cameras. Public comment on the proposed rule ended on August 19, 2022. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Training Academy Upgrades. The Department requests \$10.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for rehabilitation projects at the Training Academy. This request is \$4.7 million more than the approved plan and reflects \$0.8 million to cover updated costs for a variety of subprojects, \$0.5 million to renovate the bathrooms and shower facilities, \$3.9 million to add a field house, offset by \$0.4 million less for a new firearm training simulator and training shelter that are no longer being pursued. This is the project's second expansion as the 2022 Assembly approved the project to include upgrading and renovating classroom facilities, replacing the storage facilities, and renovating the pump house. This is in addition to the original planned work which includes classrooms, grounds, firing range, and confidence course/fitness barn renovations and an emergency vehicle operator course feasibility study. Work is programmed through FY 2028. *The Governor recommends funding essentially consistent with the approved plan, but adds \$0.5 million in FY 2024, and \$0.2 million for an additional year of funding.*

Vehicle Replacement. Following the capital budget submission instructions, the Department identified the need for \$16.2 million including \$15.6 million from State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds and \$0.6 million from general revenues to purchase 197 vehicles from FY 2023 through FY 2028 for the State Police, Sheriffs, and Capitol Police. The Department's request is \$2.3 million more from State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds than the approved plan, primarily reflecting an additional year of funding. Controlling for this, the request is \$0.3 million more than the approved plan reflecting the increased cost of the equipment to outfit the vehicles and it adjusts the yearly spend to match the Department's updated vehicle replacement plan.

The Governor recommends \$19.5 million including \$7.1 million from general revenues and \$12.5 million from State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan funds. This is \$3.3 million more than requested, which includes \$6.5 million more from general revenues and \$3.1 million less from revolving loan funds. The change to the request reflects the Department's purchase of 42 vehicles outright in the current year and the corresponding loan repayment savings.

Microwave System Replacement. The Department requests total project costs of \$1.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, which is an increase of \$56,476 from the approved plan to upgrade the microwave system. This increase reflects the updated cost of the contract as a change order for additional work was required. It is a five-year contract totaling \$1.2 million, payable at \$230,929 for year one and \$245,048 for each year following. The upgrade of the microwave system will allow the State Police Radio Bureau to eliminate a \$140,000 per year maintenance contract commencing in FY 2023. The new contract for the

microwave replacement includes service. *The Governor recommends total funding consistent with the request, but provides \$14,118 less in the current year and adds \$4,706 to FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026.*

New Southern Barracks. The Department requests \$30.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the construction of a new Southern barracks. The request is \$2.4 million more than the approved plan and extends the project's completion date one year to FY 2025. The increase reflects the cost estimate the Department received at approximately 30 percent design completion and attributed to inflation. The Department will receive two additional cost estimates prior to the completion of the bid documents.

The project is intended to provide the Division of State Police with a modern facility located conveniently in the Town of West Greenwich, adjacent to Interstate 95 and New London Avenue, which will improve public access. This project will allow the Department to decommission the Wickford and Hope Valley barracks and relocate staff and administrative assignments from the outdated facilities to a new, safe and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant location. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the request.*

Information Technology. The Department requests \$1.1 million from all sources, including \$0.7 million from general revenues and \$0.4 million from a federal National Criminal History Improvement Program grant to replace network switches and its data storage system. The request is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan to reflect the contracted cost of the replacement. While overall more than the approved plan, the Department received a \$0.4 million federal National Criminal History Improvement Program grant and reduced the requested general revenues by \$0.2 million. Funding is programmed through FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested in the operating budget.*

Records Management. The Department requests \$4.2 million from federal funds for a project to implement the Statewide Records Management System, which is \$0.6 million more than the approved plan. Total funding includes \$2.6 million from a grant through the United States Department of Transportation, Office of Highway Safety and \$1.0 million from the Department's allotment of coronavirus emergency supplemental funding provided by the Department of Justice, both assumed in the approved plan. It also includes a new \$0.5 million commitment from the Judiciary and the Office of the Attorney General, and \$70,000 from a new Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, which will cover the increased cost. Funding supports purchasing and implementing the software and the contracted information technology project manager that is overseeing implementation.

The increase reflects the cost proposal that expired in December 2021 from the vendor selected that year who indicated that the one-time implementation costs would be \$3.7 million, and the maintenance contract is \$0.7 million annually. The Department is currently awaiting a timeline for the posting of the new request for proposals. The annual maintenance cost will be offset by fees collected from the participating state and municipal entities and be deposited into a restricted receipt account established to support the system. *The Governor recommends \$66,114 more than requested for FY 2023 and \$0.2 million more than requested for FY 2024, reflecting a new federal award in the operating budget.*

Department of Environmental Management

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Fish and Wildlife Facilities	Revised	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,400,000
Galilee Piers	Revised	59,419,753	78,614,041
Recreational Facility Improvements	Revised	180,612,753	216,010,818
Natural Resources Office and Visitors Center	Revised	12,250,000	13,186,349
Recreational Facilities Asset Protection	Revised	3,765,000	6,545,000
Dam Repair	Revised	8,571,500	22,744,179
Farmland Development Rights Acquisition	Revised	821,618	9,500,000
Blackstone Valley Park Improvements	Revised	-	1,566,693
Wastewater Treatment Facility Resilience Improvements	Revised	2,098,669	5,000,000
Newport Piers	Ongoing	4,000,000	4,598,965
State Land Acquisition - Open Space	Ongoing	3,000,000	19,500,000
Brownfields Remediation	Ongoing	5,760,183	18,000,000
Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund	Ongoing	3,792,523	15,500,000
Local Recreation Development Grants	Ongoing	8,500,000	25,500,000
Fort Adams Trust	Ongoing	1,500,000	4,414,057
State Bikeway Development	Ongoing	5,259,654	15,000,000
Flood Prevention	Ongoing	1,478,590	3,000,000
Stormwater Pollution Prevention	Ongoing	613,092	3,000,000
Roger Williams Park and Zoo	Ongoing	12,000,000	30,000,000
Woonasquaket River Watershed	Ongoing	1,500,000	2,000,000
Natural and Working Lands	Ongoing	2,500,000	3,000,000
Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development.	Ongoing	6,500,000	8,599,999
Coastal Resiliency and Public Access Projects	Ongoing	3,156,271	5,000,000
Forest Conservation and Habitats	Ongoing	3,000,000	3,000,000
Local Land Acquisition Grants	Ongoing	4,500,000	20,500,000
Total		\$ 338,599,606	\$ 538,180,101
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 39,538,676	\$ 44,238,676
General Obligation Bonds - New		137,550,000	137,550,000
General Obligation Bonds		60,882,049	191,690,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds		100,628,881	164,701,425
Total		\$ 338,599,606	\$ 538,180,101

Summary. The Department of Environmental Management requests a total \$551.1 million, of which \$343.7 million will be used in the five-year period, FY 2024 through FY 2028, for 26 capital projects, one of which is new. It also includes revisions or expansions of nine existing projects; the remaining 16 projects are consistent with the approved capital plan. Funding in the five-year period includes \$35.6 million from federal funds, \$56.1 million from general obligation bonds already approved by the voters, \$137.6 million from new general obligation bonds, including \$29.0 million to go before the voters in November 2022, and \$114.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. *The Governor recommends \$538.2 million from all sources, including \$338.6 million for the five-year period. He did not recommend the new project.*

Fish and Wildlife Facilities. The Department requests \$9.2 million from all sources for repairs and renovations to Division of Fish and Wildlife facilities. Funding includes \$2.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$6.9 million from federal funds. The request is \$6.8 million more than the approved capital plan of \$2.4 million, including \$5.1 million from federal funds and \$1.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. Total funding is programmed as \$0.4 million for FY 2023, \$0.8 million for FY 2024, and \$2.0 million annually from FY 2025 through FY 2028. The approved plan includes funding for asset protection projects; additional funding would support larger renovation projects and external property updates, including a new dock and garage. The request is \$4.6 million less than the prior year's request of \$13.8 million, which included funding laboratory renovations that are no longer being requested. *The Governor recommends \$4.4 million, which is \$4.8 million less than requested and \$2.0 million more than the approved plan, including \$0.6 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, doubling previous annual funds.*

Galilee Piers. The Department requests \$73.0 million from all sources for facilities and infrastructure improvements at the Port of Galilee, including \$52.1 million in the five-year period. Funding includes \$70.1 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$1.7 million from federal funds, and \$1.2 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2004. The request is \$4.0 million more than the approved plan specifically for asset protection projects, including \$2.5 million in the five-year period and \$1.5 million for FY 2028. The project includes repairing and/or replacing the 1,500-foot long northern bulkhead section at the Port of Galilee, replacing commercial fishing docks, updating marine infrastructure and utility services, and improvements to the Coastal Resources headquarters. *The Governor recommends \$78.6 million, which is \$5.6 million more than requested, including \$6.1 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds based on updated cost estimates, though the recommendation may be overstated.*

Recreational Facility Improvements. The Department requests \$216.7 million to address a variety of major capital development projects at state parks, beaches and campgrounds. Funding includes \$46.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$19.5 million from federal funds, \$41.8 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in four prior elections, and \$108.6 million in new general obligation bonds that could go before voters in 2024. The request includes \$178.3 million in the five-year period, which is \$164.1 million more than the approved plan including \$40.3 million for FY 2028. From Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, the request is \$4.6 million more than the approved plan, including \$3.3 million for FY 2028. Projects include capital development at state parks, beaches and campgrounds at Goddard, Colt, and Burlingame State Parks, updates to the Forestry Division's buildings located in Arcadia State Park, repair and renovations to the Division of Fish and Wildlife's facilities, including boat ramps at state parks, the maintenance building at the Great Swamp Management Area, safety upgrades to Brenton Point, and other facilities. The Department has indicated that the request for new general obligation bonds is a placeholder for potential bond requests. *The Governor recommends funding as requested adjusted for pre-FY 2023 spending. The Governor inadvertently included new bond funding consistent with the Department's request; the intent was for any future bond funds to be in next year's budget to coincide with the ballot year.*

Natural Resources Office and Visitors Center. The Department requests \$21.5 million for the construction of new office facilities and visitor centers for the Divisions of Forestry and Fish and Wildlife. Funding includes \$14.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$7.5 million from federal funds. The Department's request is \$15.9 million more than the approved plan, including \$8.4 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds reflecting a revised project scope. The approved plan contemplated a consolidated Fish and Wildlife and Forest Environment headquarters in the Arcadia Management Area at Browning Mill Pond. However, following litigation resolved in FY 2021, the project was redesigned. The current request would include a replacement to the current Forestry Headquarters building in Arcadia and a separate Fish and Wildlife Headquarters in the Great Swamp area. Since FY 2013, the Department has spent \$0.7 million on planning and design for this project. *The Governor recommends \$13.2 million, which is \$8.4 million less than requested and \$7.5 million more than the approved plan. He recommends \$5.6*

million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$7.5 million from federal funds. Cost estimates are likely to change as the project is currently in the planning phase.

Recreational Facilities Asset Protection. The Department requests \$7.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for asset protection projects. This is \$3.5 million more than the approved plan and doubles the annual appropriation of \$0.5 million to \$1.0 million for FY 2023 through FY 2027. It also adds \$1.0 million for FY 2028. The additional funding reflects a change in project scope to include non-recreational properties, including office space and marine infrastructure. Funds will be used for asset protection and emergency repair projects at most facilities, including replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, upgrades to the building envelopes, addressing fire code compliance, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. However, specific projects were not identified in the request. It is also unclear why separate requests for non-recreational facilities asset protection was not submitted. *The Governor recommends \$6.5 million, which adds \$250,000 to the annual funding, bringing it to \$750,000 and adds \$765,000 for FY 2028 and \$780,000 for the post-FY 2028 period.*

Dam Repair. The Department requests \$13.6 million in the five-year period from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to repair six “high hazard” state owned dams at various recreational and management areas operated by the Department. The request is \$4.5 million more than the approved plan, reflecting \$5.0 million for another year of funding for the post-FY 2028 period and an updated project schedule. The request also includes \$1.0 million from all sources for FY 2023, including \$0.5 million from each general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2018 and Rhode Island Capital Plan funds.

The classification “high hazard” refers to the likelihood of human loss should the dam fail. The Trestle Trail project is completed and the Wyoming Pond and Stillwater dams are expected to be completed in FY 2023. Construction on the Curran Lower and Burlingame Upper projects is expected to begin in FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested adjusted for changes to pre-FY 2023 spending.*

Farmland Development Rights Acquisition. The Department requests \$12.5 million from all sources for farmland acquisition. This includes \$9.5 million from general obligation bonds approved by voters in three prior elections, which are expected to be exhausted in FY 2024, and \$3.0 million from new Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, which are programmed as \$1.0 million annually from FY 2024 through FY 2026. The Agricultural Land Preservation Commission accepts and scores farmland applications for these funds. The goal is to eliminate economic pressures on farmers to sell land for residential or commercial development. There is also a separate \$3.0 million for the Natural and Working Lands project. *The Governor does not recommend Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for this project but includes the approved bond funds as requested.*

Blackstone Valley Park Improvements. The Department requests \$3.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for ongoing efforts to improve access to the Blackstone River Valley and related work in the Blackstone Valley Corridor. The request is \$0.8 million more than enacted, including \$0.4 million more for FY 2023 and new funding of \$0.3 million for FY 2024 and \$0.1 million for FY 2025. The additional funding reflects the value of grants and contracts associated with the program. This project includes improving river access, restoration of historic landscapes, and developing recreational and educational opportunities. Additional work includes assisting the Town of Cumberland’s efforts to re-engage Diamond Hill Town Park and the I-295 Visitor Center with water quality, recreational, and economic enhancements. This project is a partnership between the Department, the Blackstone River Watershed Council, and Friends of the Blackstone Valley. *The Governor recommends \$0.6 million for FY 2023, \$0.4 million less than the approved plan.*

Wastewater Treatment Facility Resilience Improvements. The Department requests total project costs of \$3.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2018 to provide up to 50.0 percent matching funds to improve sanitary treatment facilities prone to flooding, storm events, and environmental

degradation. The request excludes \$2.0 million of general obligation bonds in error; the Department intended to request the entire \$5.0 million approved by the voters including \$1.5 million for FY 2023, \$1.5 million for FY 2024 and \$0.6 million for FY 2025. *The Governor recommends \$5.0 million from general obligation bonds consistent with the approved plan.*

Newport Piers. The Department requests total project costs of \$4.9 million to complete infrastructure improvements to the Newport Piers, consistent with the approved plan. The request includes \$4.0 million in the five-year period, of which \$2.0 million is from federal Economic Development Administration funds and \$2.0 million is from matching Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Department programs \$0.3 million for FY 2023 and \$2.0 million each for FY 2024 and FY 2025. The project includes improving utility services, upgrading the electrical wiring to marine-grade and engineering work for a future wave attenuator project. *The Governor recommends funding as requested adjusted for changes to prior year expenditures.*

State Land Acquisition - Open Space. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$19.5 million from general obligation bonds. This includes \$16.5 million approved by voters in three prior elections and a \$3.0 million general obligation bond to go before voters in November 2022, for open space land acquisitions. Annual debt service would be \$0.2 million assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and 20-year term; total debt service would be \$4.9 million. The approved plan assumes all existing bonds would be exhausted by FY 2023. The \$3.0 million is programmed from FY 2024 through FY 2026. The land acquired under this program includes forested land, open fields, river access sites, shoreline access areas, farmlands, trail connections and water supply protection areas. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Brownfields Remediation. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$18.0 million from general obligation bonds to provide 80 percent matching grants to public, private, and non-profit entities for brownfields remediation projects at abandoned industrial sites throughout the state. This includes \$14.0 million approved by voters in three prior elections as well as \$4.0 million to go before voters in November 2022. Annual debt service would be \$0.3 million assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and 20-year term; total debt service would be \$6.5 million. The request assumes all existing bonds will be exhausted by FY 2025 and programs new funding over FY 2024 through FY 2028. Properties classified as brownfields include any property that cannot be developed, expanded or reused due to the presence of an environmental hazard. Funding is used to both investigate what types of hazardous materials are present, as well as to assist in the remediation of new sites. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$15.5 million from general obligation bonds to continue restoring and protecting water quality in Narragansett Bay. This includes \$12.5 million approved by voters in two prior elections as well as \$3.0 million to go before voters in November 2022. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term, annual debt service for the new general obligation bond would be \$0.2 million; the total cost would be \$4.9 million. The request assumes all existing bonds are exhausted in FY 2024. The new \$5.0 million would be programmed over FY 2025 through FY 2027. The project provides matching grants to state and local agencies, non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses to improve water quality in the Narragansett Bay and other watersheds. The Department has awarded over 60 grants for projects across the state, which includes riparian buffer restoration, fish passage projects, and storm water abatement projects. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Local Recreation Development Grants. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$25.5 million from general obligation bond proceeds for local recreation development grants. Funding includes \$23.5 million approved by voters in five prior elections and \$2.0 million from general obligation bonds to go before voters in November 2022. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term, annual debt service for the new general obligation bond would be \$0.2 million; the total cost would be \$3.3 million. The request assumes all existing bonds are exhausted by FY 2026 and programs new general obligation bonds from FY 2024 through FY 2027. Grants provide up to 50 percent of the eligible project

costs for acquisition and up to 80 percent of project costs for development. *The Governor recommends the requested level of funding but extends the programming of the \$2.0 million approved by the voters in November 2022 through FY 2028.*

Fort Adams Trust. The Department requests \$5.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to restore and repair historic structures at the Fort Adams State Park in Newport. The state operates the fort and is responsible for conducting programs, developing restoration plans and raising funds from public and private sources. Adjusted for prior year expenditures, the request is \$0.3 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds than the approved plan to reflect an additional year of funding for future restoration projects. It also carries forward \$0.3 million of unspent prior year funds to FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested adjusted for changes to prior year expenditures.*

State Bikeway Development. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$15.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by voters in 2016 and 2018, for new design and construction of bikeways, including continued work on the Blackstone bikeway and the South County bikeway. Funding is programmed through FY 2025, one year earlier than assumed in the approved capital plan. *The Governor recommends total funding requested, but programs it through FY 2026.*

Flood Prevention. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$3.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by voters in 2014, for grants to public and non-profit entities for projects related to dam repairs and restoration of coastal habitats, rivers and stream floodplains. Funding is programmed through FY 2024. *The Governor recommends total funding requested, but shifts \$0.1 million from FY 2025 to FY 2023 based on planned spending.*

Stormwater Pollution Prevention. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$3.0 million through FY 2024, from general obligation bonds approved by voters in 2016, for grants to reduce stormwater pollution in the state of Rhode Island. The funds provide up to 75 percent matching grants for public, private and/or non-profit entities for projects that reduce stormwater pollution. This program is administered through the existing Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Roger Williams Park and Zoo. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$30.0 million from general obligation bonds for ongoing renovations and improvements to Roger Williams Park and Zoo. The request includes \$18.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2014 and \$12.0 million to go before the voters in November 2022. New funding will be used to construct a new, 21,000 square foot education center. The center is projected to be completed in FY 2027. Annual debt service on the new funds would be \$1.0 million, assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and 20-year term; total debt service would be \$19.3 million. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Woonasquatucket River Watershed. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department's request includes \$2.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2021 to make improvements to the recreational areas and infrastructure of the Woonasquatucket River watershed. The Woonasquatucket River Watershed is located in Rhode Island communities including North Smithfield, Glocester, Smithfield, North Providence, Johnston, Cranston and Providence. There are seven miles of greenspace which are maintained by the Woonasquatucket Watershed Council, a non-profit organization that advocates for, and is dedicated to, restoring the Woonasquatucket River and providing recreational infrastructure along the greenway. Funding is programmed as \$0.5 million for FY 2023 and FY 2024 and \$1.0 million for FY 2025. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Natural and Working Lands. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department's request includes \$3.0 million from new general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2021. The Department protects Rhode Island's farmland from development that would shift its use away from agriculture by purchasing the land

and development rights and selling it back to farmers. The Agricultural Land Preservation Commission is a quasi-governmental commission that works with the Department to oversee applications for the purchase of farmland development rights through the State Farmland Access Program. Funding is programmed as \$0.5 million for FY 2023, \$1.5 million for FY 2024, and \$1.0 million for FY 2025. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department's request includes \$6.5 million from all sources to create a new Port Sakonnet at the Chase Marina in Tiverton. This includes \$5.2 million from federal funds and \$1.3 million from matching Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. Funding is programmed as \$3.3 million each in FY 2024 and FY 2025. *The Governor's budget appears to include \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the pre-FY 2023 period in error.*

Coastal Resiliency and Public Access Projects. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests total project costs of \$5.0 million from general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2018 to provide community grants that eliminate or reduce flooding risks. Grants will provide 75 percent matching funds for public or non-profit entities to design and construct projects which would reduce or eliminate flooding risk, promote green infrastructure, and increase public access. The request includes \$1.5 million for FY 2023 and FY 2024 and \$1.7 million for FY 2025. *The Governor recommends total funding requested, but programs \$1.0 million for FY 2023, \$2.2 million for FY 2024, and \$1.5 million for FY 2025.*

Forest Conservation and Habitats. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$3.0 million from general obligation bonds to go before voters on the November 2022 ballot to improve forest and wildlife habitats. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term, annual debt service is \$401,213; the total cost would be \$8.0 million. The Department manages 60,000 acres of land that needs more maintenance to be useable by the public. The project includes improvement of trails and infrastructure, removal of dead trees and the improvement of habitat for non-game wildlife. The request programs \$1.0 million annually from FY 2024 through FY 2026. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Local Land Acquisition Grants. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$20.5 million from general obligation bonds for local land acquisition grants. Funding includes \$18.5 million approved by voters in four prior elections and \$2.0 million from new general obligation bonds to go before voters in November 2022. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term, annual debt service for the new general obligation bond would be \$0.2 million; the total cost would be \$3.3 million. Funding is programmed as \$1.6 million for FY 2023, \$2.0 million for FY 2024 and \$1.0 million for FY 2025. Since 1988, the program has awarded 120 grants preserving over 6,200 acres of land. *The Governor recommends total funding as requested but programs \$0.6 million for FY 2023, \$3.0 million for FY 2024, and \$1.5 million for FY 2025.*

Facilities Planning. The Department requests \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to conduct a new facilities master plan for approximately 20 facilities. Facilities were last reviewed in 2017 as part of a statewide assessment, also some facilities on state property have already been selected for individual master planning efforts including Beavertail State Park and Port of Galilee. There is ongoing work to assess some facilities used by the Divisions of Fish and Wildlife and Forestry; however, the Department reports that it needs a master plan for all of its facilities. This new master plan would identify short and long-term facility needs, prioritize projects through 2036, and include cost estimates. The request programs \$0.3 million for FY 2024, \$1.0 million for FY 2025, and \$0.8 million for FY 2026. *The Governor does not recommend funding for this project.*

Coastal Resources Management Council

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Confined Aquatic Dredged Material Disposal Cells	Revised	\$ 108,972,820	\$ 108,972,820
Providence Rivers Dredging/Waterplace Park	Ongoing	4,000,000	13,000,000
South Coast Restoration Project	Ongoing	-	2,888,073
Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Trust Fund	Ongoing	1,250,000	3,975,000
Pawtucket Elevation Study	Ongoing	-	50,000
Little Narragansett Bay Study	Ongoing	-	50,000
Total		\$ 114,222,820	\$ 128,935,893

Sources of Funds			
Certificates of Participation		\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Federal Funds		68,372,820	68,372,820
General Obligation Bonds		4,000,000	13,000,000
Restricted Receipts		1,250,000	3,975,000
Rhode Island Capital Funds		20,600,000	23,588,073
Total		\$ 114,222,820	\$ 128,935,893

Summary. The Coastal Resources Management Council requests a total of \$137.5 million. Funding in the five-year period totals \$124.7 million and includes \$68.4 million from federal funds. The request is for six projects, one of which is revised. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$128.9 million for the six requested projects, including \$114.2 million in the five-year period and \$7.2 million for use in FY 2023.*

Confined Aquatic Dredged Material Disposal Cells. The Council requests \$10.5 million borrowed through Certificates of Participation and \$40.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, as the state match to construct new confined aquatic disposal cells. Combined with a federal match of \$68.4 million, total project cost is \$119.5 million. The cells allow for proper management of dredged materials, including materials associated with the Army Corps of Engineers' Providence River and Harbor Shipping Channel classified as unsuitable for open water disposal. The existing six confined aquatic disposal cells in the Providence River area are nearly full. This is a significant increase from the approved plan, including \$35.6 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. The Council indicates cost increases are due to a new project plan provided by the Army Corps of Engineers in July 2022 and also account for inflation. Increased costs do not reflect a change in the proportion of the state match. Though it requests all funding for FY 2024, the Council indicates that the project is likely to extend through FY 2025. It is not clear what form of state commitment is required to begin the project nor whether the state match can be divided across more than one fiscal year.

The Governor recommends \$109.0 million from all sources for FY 2025 which is \$10.5 million less and one year later than requested. By source, the recommendation includes \$68.4 million from federal funds, \$20.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and \$20.0 million borrowed through Certificates of Participation. The 2017 Assembly authorized the initial \$10.5 million; the \$9.5 million in newly recommended debt requires Assembly approval. The timeline for the project remains unclear, as does what commitments are required from the state to begin the project.

Providence River Dredging/Waterplace Park. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests total project costs of \$13.0 million from two Green Economy and Clean Water general obligation bonds approved by voters in 2018 and in a special March election in 2021 to dredge sections of the Providence River in two components. The first component of the project extends from the Providence Place Mall to the Crawford Street Bridge, which is mostly complete. The design and construction of the settlement basin west of Waterplace Park, also part of the first component, is delayed due to work related to the Department of Transportation. The second component includes from the Crawford Street Bridge to near Point Street and will begin in 2022 and extend through FY 2024 because testing revealed material with two distinct properties that require completely different dredging and dewatering methods. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

South Coast Restoration Project. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests \$2.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to maintain the levels of sediment within the breachways of each South County coastal lagoon and to ensure the habitat restoration projects within each pond, which were previously completed with federal funds, are not compromised or lost to those sediments. Spending for this earlier work totaled \$3.3 million and it was considered complete in FY 2018. Chronically accumulating sediment revived the need for the project in FY 2023. The Council has signed a contract to begin dredging and estimated that dredging will commence in November 2022. The Council is responsible for all costs of the project, which it expects to complete in FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Trust Fund. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests \$250,000 annually from the Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response Fund for the Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund. The 2004 Assembly mandated the annual amount of \$250,000 from the Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response Fund to the program and trust fund. The Fund awards applicants who meet specific criteria to complete restoration projects that preserve or restore coastal wetlands, fish runs, eelgrass beds, and other coastal ecology. The project is on schedule with its annual call for proposals. *The Governor recommends funding as requested with the exception of including \$2.0 million more from prior year's expenses.*

Pawcatuck Elevation Study. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests \$50,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for FY 2023 to conduct a feasibility study researching coastal barrier beaches. This will be accomplished in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers but funded solely by the Council. The Council anticipates a need to enact coastal resiliency plans in response to potentially hazardous storm and flood events. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Little Narragansett Bay Study. Consistent with the approved plan, the Council requests total project costs of \$50,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to study how dredging in Little Narragansett Bay can be accomplished. The study is expected to be completed in FY 2023 and will be accomplished in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers but funded solely by the Council. The Council states that shifting sands and a strong current within Little Narragansett Bay have caused the only entrance and exit in Rhode Island waters to become difficult to navigate, requiring dredging to expand access. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Clean Energy Fund	New	\$ 84,500,000	\$ 89,500,000
Water Quality Protection Charge Fund	Revised	5,000,000	6,500,000
Efficient Buildings Fund	Revised	7,500,000	26,000,000
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	Revised	333,177,072	862,286,772
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Ongoing	295,000,002	763,414,456
Small Business Green Energy Loan Program	Ongoing	5,000,000	5,000,000
Municipal Resiliency	Ongoing	16,000,000	23,000,000
Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund	Ongoing	80,000,000	124,659,293
Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund	Ongoing	300,000	450,000
Total		\$ 826,477,074	\$1,900,810,521
Sources of Funds			
Agency Funds		\$ 5,000,000	\$ 6,500,000
Agency Revenue Bonds		196,541,501	521,738,091
Federal Funds		391,370,253	746,494,321
General Obligation Bonds - New		50,000,000	117,209,293
General Obligation Bonds		21,000,000	21,000,000
General Revenues		44,465,320	50,415,120
Interest Earnings		100,000	150,000
Other Funds		25,000,000	40,000,000
Revolved Capital		93,000,000	397,303,696
Total		\$ 826,477,074	\$1,900,810,521

Summary. The Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank requests a total of \$2,681.0 million, of which \$991.1 million would be used in the five-year period. As requested, funding in the five-year period includes \$213.7 million from new general obligation bonds, \$5.0 million from the Bank's funds, \$196.5 million from the Bank's revenue bonds, \$50.0 million from state support, \$16.4 million from general revenues, \$0.1 million from interest earnings, \$93.0 million from revolved capital, and \$25.0 million from other funds. The request is for 12 projects, of which three are new. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$1,900.8 million for nine projects, one of which is new. This includes an additional \$28.5 million from general revenues to provide the state match for federal clean and drinking water programs through the Department of Environmental Management.*

Clean Energy Fund. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$89.5 million, including \$30.0 million from demand-side utility management funds, \$59.2 million from agency revenue bonds, and \$0.3 million from revolved capital to support the Clean Energy Fund established by the 2021 Assembly to provide technical, administrative, and financial support to individuals, businesses and governments for renewable energy, energy efficiency, or demand-side management projects. This includes the Infrastructure Bank's reprioritization of resources from the Efficient Buildings Fund, discussed separately; the Infrastructure Bank anticipates the Clean Energy Fund will have a greater clean energy impact.

The Infrastructure Bank programs \$5.0 million from demand-side utility management funds for FY 2023 and annually thereafter through FY 2028, \$12.5 million for FY 2024, of which \$7.5 million is from revenue bonds, and \$18.0 million thereafter through FY 2028, including \$13.0 million from revenue bonds for FY

2025, and \$12.9 million from revenue bonds and \$0.1 million from revolved capital beginning in FY 2026. No funding has been allocated from the program; promulgation of rules and regulations is not yet complete. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Water Quality Protection Charge Fund. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$6.5 million from the water quality protection surcharge to provide funding for watershed protection and other projects requested by water suppliers. This is \$3.5 million more than the approved plan. The request programs \$1.0 million annually which doubles the assumptions in the approved plan through FY 2027. Rhode Island General Law, Section 46-15.3-5, sets the water quality protection surcharge at 2.92 cents per one hundred gallons. The surcharge is collected from the 29 major water suppliers in the state; 57.0 percent is transferred to state general revenues, 36.1 percent now goes to the Infrastructure Bank, and the remaining 6.9 percent is retained by the individual suppliers for administrative costs. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Efficient Buildings Fund. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$26.0 million from utility system benefits charges and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative receipts, agency revenue bonds and revolved capital for projects financed through the Efficient Buildings Fund. This is \$75.5 million less than the approved plan, which reflects the Infrastructure Bank's reprioritization of resources to the Clean Energy Fund, discussed separately. The Infrastructure Bank reports that the program will have a greater clean energy impact as the eligibility and its authority are more expansive. The request programs \$10.0 million for FY 2023 and \$1.5 million annually thereafter through FY 2028. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$873.1 million from all funds, with \$334.3 million for use in the five-year period for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The request includes \$16.6 million in new general obligation bonds to go before voters in 2024. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term, annual debt service is \$1.3 million.

Spending for the five-year period also includes \$8.7 million from general revenues, \$280.4 million from federal funds, \$13.5 million from revenue bonds, and \$15.0 million from revolved capital. The 2022 Assembly provided \$21.0 million from general revenues for the state match for this and the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund; the request includes \$0.9 million more from general revenues to reflect a shift of \$0.5 million from the clean water program to this program, and a request for \$0.4 million more for FY 2025. The Infrastructure Bank provides financing to eligible water suppliers for planning, design and construction of safe water supply, treatment and transmission infrastructure projects. *The Governor recommends \$10.8 million less than requested. This includes \$9.8 million less from federal funds spent prior to FY 2023 and adds \$15.6 million from general revenues, rather than the requested \$16.6 million from bonds.*

Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The Infrastructure Bank requests total project costs of \$1,269.8 million from all sources for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including \$295.0 million for the five-year period, which is \$11.7 million less than the approved plan. The request for the five-year period includes \$116.3 million from general obligation and revenue bonds, \$110.9 million from federal Environment Protection Agency funds, \$60.0 million from revolved capital, and \$7.7 million from general revenues to finance local governments' wastewater infrastructure projects.

The request includes \$12.5 million in new general obligation bonds to go before the voters in November 2024. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term, the total cost would be \$20.8 million. Federal capitalization grants are awarded annually, with a 20.0 percent state match requirement. The 2022 Assembly provided \$21.0 million from general revenues for the state match for this and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund; the request shifts \$0.5 million from this program to the drinking water program. Loans are available to eligible water suppliers for planning, design and construction of safe water supply, treatment and transmission infrastructure projects. Loans are generally repaid over 20 years and have an

interest rate reduction of at least one-third off the market rate. *The Governor's recommendation excludes \$506.3 million from federal funds and agency revenue bonds spent prior to FY 2023, and adds \$12.5 million from general revenues in lieu of new general obligation bond proceeds.*

Small Business Green Energy Loan Program. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$5.0 million annually from new general obligation bond proceeds for the Small Business Energy Loan Program to provide small businesses zero interest and below market rate loans for clean energy projects to remove impediments to implementation. It reports the intent is to establish a loan and/or grant program within the Clean Energy Fund, discussed separately, to provide access to similar renewable energy, energy efficiency, and demand-side management projects.

The 2022 Assembly authorized a new \$5.0 million general obligation bond to be put before the voters in November 2022, and subject to approval, programmed for use in FY 2024 for the Small Business Energy Loan Program. The Infrastructure Bank requests to accelerate the bond funds to FY 2023, and requests an additional \$25.0 million, programmed at \$5.0 million annually for the five-year period from future bonds. As submitted, the request includes \$0.5 million for FY 2027, apparently in error; the request should total \$30.0 million. The Infrastructure Bank notes state bonds are typically issued in April of each year; however, accelerating the November 2022 general obligation bond funds to the current year may not be an achievable timeline; it should be noted the next referenda for voter approval is anticipated for November 2024, or FY 2025. *The Governor recommends funding as enacted.*

Municipal Resiliency. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$97.0 million to provide grants to municipalities for projects that mitigate the effects of climate change. This is \$74.0 million more than the approved plan, which includes \$7.0 million from previously authorized general obligation bond funds and \$16.0 million, programmed at \$4.0 million annually from FY 2024 to FY 2027, from new general obligation bonds to go before the voters in November 2022. The request accelerates that \$16.0 million to FY 2023 and assumes use of \$74.0 million of new general obligation bond funding. Assuming a 5.0 percent interest rate and a 20-year term, the total cost would be \$118.8 million, with annual debt service of \$5.9 million.

Municipal Resiliency workshops have reportedly identified about \$250 million in necessary projects. The request programs the newly requested \$74.0 million from general obligation bond funds at \$14.0 million for FY 2024 and FY 2025, \$15.0 million for FY 2026 and FY 2027, and \$16.0 million for FY 2028. Separately, the Bank also requested funding for the Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund, discussed separately, which is intended to complement this program. The Infrastructure Bank notes state bonds are typically issued in April of each year; however, accelerating the November 2022 general obligation bond funds to the current year may not be an achievable timeline. *The Governor recommends funding as enacted.*

Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$194.6 million, including \$80.0 million for the five-year period, for the municipal road and bridge revolving fund which subsidizes loans to mitigate underinvestment in local roads. The request includes \$47.0 million from revenue bonds, \$57.5 million from state contributions, \$18.4 million from revolved capital, as well as \$3.5 million from agency funds and \$80.5 million from other funds spent prior to FY 2023. The request is \$12.0 million more than the approved plan, including \$20.0 million more for the five-year period.

Compared to the approved plan, this is \$50.0 million less from revenue bonds, excludes \$2.5 million from other funds in the current year, and adds \$57.5 million from state contributions and \$7.0 million from revolved capital. The request programs \$9.5 million for FY 2023 and \$16.0 million each year for the FY 2024 to FY 2028 period. The state previously pledged general obligation bond premiums to capitalize this program. The Bank is seeking continuous, predictable funding, which it believes will increase interest in the program. *The Governor's recommendation excludes \$71.7 million from agency and other funds spent*

prior to FY 2023, offset by \$59.3 million from state contributions, which is \$1.8 million more than requested for FY 2023; the remaining years are as requested.

Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Consistent with the approved plan, the Infrastructure Bank requests \$0.6 million from revolved capital and interest earnings for the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund, it programs \$150,000 annually for the FY 2023 to FY 2025 period. Historically, this fund receives capital funding from general obligation bond proceeds and transfers the appropriate state match to the clean water and drinking water state revolving funds. It has also been used to fund loans that do not meet those federal requirements. *The Governor excludes spending prior to FY 2023 and recommends the remaining funding as requested.*

Municipal Infrastructure Grant. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$73.5 million from new general obligation bonds to be put before the voters for approval on ballots for November 2024 and November 2026 for the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program, authorized by the 2018 Assembly and transferred to the Infrastructure Bank for FY 2022. The Assembly provided a combined \$3.5 million for the program from general revenues over FY 2022 and FY 2023. As requested, the funding is entirely from new bond funds, but the Infrastructure Bank notes the first year is intended to reflect the enacted funding.

The request programs \$3.5 million for FY 2023, \$14.0 million each for FY 2024 and FY 2026, \$12.0 million for FY 2025, and \$15.0 million each in FY 2027 and FY 2028. *The Governor's revised budget includes the \$2.5 million enacted for FY 2023. The Governor's budget provides the Infrastructure Bank an additional \$25.5 million through two other agencies. For FY 2023, the revised Executive Office of Commerce budget includes \$5.5 million from general revenues to capitalize a Municipal Matching Grant Pool to subsidize local governments' Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act matching funds requirements. For FY 2024, the Department of Administration's budget includes \$20.0 million from American Rescue Plan Act funds to capitalize a fund for local governments to complete road, sidewalk and bridge projects.*

Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund. The Infrastructure Bank requests \$24.0 million to capitalize the Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund authorized by the 2021 Assembly, including the \$4.0 million from general revenues authorized as part of the FY 2023 enacted budget. The request also programs \$4.0 million annually from FY 2024 to FY 2028, specifying general obligation bonds, but the Bank is indifferent to the fund source.

The funding is intended to provide grants to address climate change impacts such as flooding, erosion, sea level rise and storm surge, and to protect or enhance coastal or riverine habitats, acquire land for public easements, and rehabilitate certain infrastructure located at wetland crossings. The Infrastructure Bank reports this funding will be used to complement the Municipal Resilience Program, discussed separately, which has identified about \$250 million of necessary project costs. *The Governor's revised budget includes funding as enacted.*

Brownfields Fund. Consistent with the approved plan, the Infrastructure Bank requests \$1.0 million, including \$0.2 million from agency funds and \$0.8 million from federal funds received in 2016. This represents the capitalization of the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund established by the 2015 Assembly. Funding is available for brownfield remediation projects for municipalities, non-profits and private entities. The Infrastructure Bank has experienced difficulty generating interest in the program as the Department of Environmental Management has grant funding available for similar work. Subsequent to submission of the budget, the Infrastructure Bank reports the federal funding was returned as the use was too restrictive. *The Governor's recommendation excludes this funding.*

Narragansett Bay Commission

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Field's Point Resiliency Improvements	Revised	\$ 88,404,000	\$ 103,944,900
Sewer System Improvements	Revised	20,811,000	22,540,000
Combined Sewer Overflow Phase III Facilities	Ongoing	403,887,900	1,117,145,900
Bucklin Point Resiliency Improvements	Ongoing	12,707,000	70,250,000
Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	Ongoing	16,134,000	23,554,000
Infrastructure Management	Ongoing	3,053,000	6,038,000
Interceptor Inspection, Cleaning, Restoration, and Construction	Ongoing	17,153,000	23,589,348
Total		\$ 562,149,900	\$ 1,367,062,148
Sources of Funds			
Other Funds		\$ 562,149,900	\$ 1,367,062,148
Total		\$ 562,149,900	\$ 1,367,062,148

Summary. The Narragansett Bay Commission requests \$1,367.1 million, of which \$562.1 million would be used in the five-year period, FY 2024 through FY 2028, for seven previously approved projects. Funding comes from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds, Commission revenue bonds, and federal funds. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Field's Point Resiliency Improvements. The Commission requests \$103.9 million from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds, Commission revenue bonds, and federal funds, of which \$88.4 million will be used in the five-year period for various Field's Point improvements to address aging infrastructure and ensure resiliency. The Commission was awarded a \$55.0 million Environmental Protection Agency loan in July 2022 that finances 49.0 percent of project resiliency improvements. The project includes several upgrades to the facility to comply with state regulations, improve resiliency, replace equipment and make building modifications at the Ernest Street Pump Station, construct maintenance buildings, install standby power capabilities, construct a solar carport, and implement cybersecurity improvements. The request shifts the Woonasquatucket Combined Sewer Overflow Improvement subproject to the Interceptor Restoration and Construction project and adds the Lincoln Septage Receiving Station improvements subproject from the Sewer System Improvements project. Adjusting for the shifts, the request is \$48.7 million more than approved and reflects \$1.2 million more for new cybersecurity improvements, updated estimates for work, and increases in contingency to account for inflation. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Sewer System Improvements. The Commission requests \$22.5 million from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds and Commission revenue bonds, with \$20.8 million to be used in the five-year period for sewer system improvements. The request shifts the Lincoln Septage Receiving Station to the Field's Point Resiliency Improvements project. Adjusted for that shift, the request is \$3.7 million more than approved, and reflects increased estimates and contingency to account for inflation, largely for improvements to the Omega Pump Station. Assumption details were not provided. The project is part of the infrastructure management project in the approved plan and provides maintenance and upgrades to sewers as well as easement restorations and includes the design and construction of a new building should the Commission be legislatively required to own, operate, and maintain sewer facilities currently held under municipal control. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Combined Sewer Overflow Phase III Facilities. Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requests \$1,117.1 million to be used through the post-FY 2028 period for design and construction of combined sewer overflow phase III facilities, the final phase of the federally mandated project to keep potentially harmful pollutants out of community water bodies. The request includes \$403.9 million in the five-year period from Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds, Commission revenue bonds, and Environmental Protection Agency loan funds. The Commission received a \$268.7 million federal loan for Phase III of the Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities project in 2019. The project involves the design and construction of an 11,200-foot tunnel in Pawtucket, a pump station, drop shafts and consolidation conduits followed by design and construction of interceptors and a stub tunnel that will convey flow to the Pawtucket tunnel. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Bucklin Point Resiliency Improvements. The Commission requests \$70.3 million, of which \$12.7 million will be used in the five-year period for various Bucklin Point improvement projects. The Commission requests funding from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds, Environmental Protection Agency loan funds, and Commission revenue bonds. The request is \$2.3 million more than approved to account for higher cost estimates and increases to the contingency budget for inflation. Upgrades aim to address aging infrastructure and ensure continuous wastewater processing. The project will evaluate and upgrade the ultraviolet disinfection system; replace boilers, piping, and isolation gates; modify the existing HVAC system; design and build a new operations, maintenance and storage building; and make other improvements. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requests \$23.6 million from Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds and Commission revenue bonds for several wastewater treatment improvement projects. The request includes \$16.1 million to be used in the five-year period. The facility improvements ensure compliance with current and future regulations and uninterrupted wastewater treatment processing and includes equipment rehabilitation, the development of a long-term sludge management strategy, and evaluation and upgrades to electrical equipment. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Infrastructure Management. Consistent with the approved plan, the Commission requests \$6.0 million from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds and Commission revenue bonds for ongoing infrastructure management, with \$3.1 million to be used in the five-year period. The project ensures compliance with state regulation of water pollution, including limitations for municipal and industrial wastewaters, stormwater, and combined sewer overflows discharged to state waters. Using feasibility and evaluation studies, the Commission is preparing for future regulatory actions relating to clean water standards and conservation. Project activities include the evaluation of the flow monitoring system and the purchase, installation, and maintenance of all equipment. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Interceptor Inspection, Cleaning, Restoration, and Construction. The Commission requests \$23.6 million from Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's revolving funds and Commission revenue bonds, with \$17.2 million to be used in the five-year period for interceptor improvements. Accounting for the inclusion of improvements to the Woonasquatucket combined sewer overflow subproject from the Field's Point Resiliency Improvements project, the request is \$2.1 million more than the approved plan to reflect an additional year of funding. The purpose of this project is to restore, replace, and provide interceptor relief during surcharging and to replace sewer lines and increase sewer line diameter as necessary. The Commission allocates \$0.5 million annually to ensure resources for future projects relating to the inspection and cleaning of interceptors and \$1.5 million annually to ensure resources for future projects related to interceptor restoration and construction. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Material Recycling Facility Building Improvements	New	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Main Scale Replacement	New	1,300,000	1,300,000
Pond Ammonia Treatment	Revised	-	715,000
Fiber Baler Replacement	Revised	-	1,100,000
Phase VI Construction	Ongoing	20,156,327	55,215,936
Material Recycling Facility Roof	Ongoing	1,650,000	1,650,000
Material Recycling Facility Design	Ongoing	-	1,000,000
Material Recycling Facility Construction	Ongoing	-	55,000,000
Total		\$ 28,106,327	\$ 120,980,936
Sources of Funds			
Resource Recovery Corporation General Revenue		\$ 28,106,327	\$ 120,980,936
Total		\$ 28,106,327	\$ 120,980,936

Summary. The Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation requests a total of \$222.7 million from its general revenues for eight projects, of which \$28.1 million would be used in the five-year period. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, adjusted for removal of \$101.7 million of prior year spending.*

Material Recycling Facility Building Improvements. The Corporation requests \$5.0 million from its general revenues for a new project to provide building improvements and repairs to the material recycling facility. The request programs funding for FY 2024 through FY 2028 for concrete repairs, facility improvements, asphalt repairs, a new generator, an elevator and transformer upgrade, a commodity storage building, and education area upgrades. The Corporation reports that these upgrades are essential as the building is outdated and no longer safe nor functional for the wellbeing and accessibility of its employees. The Corporation notes that the rising costs of materials and labor in recent years has made it difficult to secure project quotes and establish a start date, and that it is currently considering expanding its upgrade initiatives. As such, project estimates and scheduling are likely to change in future requests. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Main Scale Replacement. The Corporation requests \$1.3 million from its general revenues for a new project for FY 2024 to replace its current main scale and the building that houses it. The project consists of replacing the facility's existing underground scales with aboveground scales and constructing a new building to store the aboveground scales as well as new information technology infrastructure. These upgrades are intended to provide safer working conditions for staff, facilitate scale maintenance, improve the cost efficiency of operations, and keep the building up to code. This upgrade is anticipated to last for the remaining life of the landfill, which is currently projected to continue operating through 2042. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Pond Ammonia Treatment. The Corporation requests \$715,000 from its general revenues to eliminate groundwater from stormwater pond two, as directed by the Department of Environmental Management in a notice of violation issued in February 2020. The request is \$165,000 more than the approved plan based on increased costs of materials. The Corporation intends to begin and complete the project in FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Fiber Baler Replacement. The Corporation requests \$1.1 million from its general revenues to replace the fiber baler at the material recycling facility. Total funding is consistent with the approved plan, but the project has been accelerated by two years, now scheduled for FY 2023. The Corporation reports that the baler has logged 34,524 operating hours and is expected to last 35,000 to 40,000 operating hours; it currently operates at 2,400 hours annually. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Phase VI Construction. The Corporation requests \$156.9 million from its general revenues, of which \$20.2 million will be used in the five-year period to design, excavate, and construct the baseliner for several planned cells as part of the eastward Phase VI expansion of the Central Landfill. The request is \$2.7 million more than the approved plan, which reflects annual budget revisions, changes in construction costs, and fluctuations in waste volumes. The project is estimated to be completed by 2042. *The Governor recommends funding as requested, adjusted for the exclusion of prior year expenditures.*

Material Recycling Facility Roof. Consistent with the approved plan, the Corporation requests \$1.7 million for FY 2024 from its general revenues to replace the roof of its material recycling facility. The roof has surpassed its operating life and is deteriorating. Replacing the roof is also expected to extend the life of the material recycling facility. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Material Recycling Facility Design. Consistent with the approved plan, the Corporation requests \$1.0 million for the post-FY 2028 period from its general revenues to site, plan, and design upgrades to its material recycling facility. The agency reports that the project is necessary to continue operating as the sole residential and commercial recycling processing facility in the state. In prior year requests, project plans had been repeatedly delayed. In recent requests, the Corporation has scheduled the project for the out-years period as project undertakings are still tentative. In addition, the project is currently scheduled for the post-FY 2028 period due to recent and continual upward trends in construction costs as well as deliberations to potentially construct a new Mixed Waste Processing Facility. The decision to build a new facility is based on research findings regarding the success rates of mixed waste processing facilities in other parts of the country and the Corporation's own observations and evaluations from site visits. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Material Recycling Facility Construction. Consistent with the approved plan, the Corporation requests \$55.0 million for the post-FY 2028 period from its general revenues to reconstruct its material recycling facility. The agency reports that the project is necessary to continue its operations as the sole residential and commercial recycling processing facility in the state. In prior year requests, design and construction plans had been repeatedly delayed. In recent requests, the Corporation has scheduled the construction project for the out-years period as project undertakings are still tentative. In addition, the project is currently scheduled for the post-FY 2028 period due to recent and continual upward trends in construction costs as well as deliberations to potentially construct a new Mixed Waste Processing Facility. The decision to build a new facility is based on research findings regarding the success rates of mixed waste processing facilities in other parts of the country and the Corporation's own observations and evaluations from site visits. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Department of Transportation

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Commuter Rail (Fixed Guideway)	Revised	\$ 33,400,000	\$ 86,933,640
Highway Improvement Program	Revised	2,996,044,097	6,715,503,229
Information Technology Investment Strategy	Revised	12,095,022	20,110,137
Maintenance Facility Improvements	Revised	3,734,756	7,607,389
Pawtucket/CF Train Station	Revised	-	59,526,171
Train Station Maintenance & Repairs	Revised	2,370,585	4,153,523
Bike Path Facilities Maintenance	Ongoing	2,000,000	2,800,000
Capital Equipment Replacement	Ongoing	42,014,055	84,648,642
Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure	Ongoing	2,840,654	35,000,000
Salt Storage Facilities	Ongoing	6,030,000	12,404,045
State Funded Improvement Projects	Ongoing	156,000,000	309,164,307
Welcome Center Improvements	Ongoing	1,650,000	2,249,265
Total		\$ 3,258,179,169	\$ 7,340,100,348
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 2,426,609,191	\$ 5,159,411,239
Federal GARVEE Bonds		112,010,000	164,010,000
Gasoline Tax		39,115,406	70,988,534
General Obligation Bonds		18,540,654	110,270,000
Highway Maintenance Account		252,263,487	907,135,692
Land Sales		24,996,730	48,420,090
Other		-	14,079,325
Rhode Island Capital Funds		384,643,701	769,821,170
Toll Revenue		-	95,964,298
Total		\$ 3,258,179,169	\$ 7,340,100,348

Summary. The Department of Transportation requests \$3,529.4 million from all sources to be used in the five-year period for projects totaling \$9,199.3 million. The request is for 16 projects, four of which are new. It is \$521.6 million more than the approved plan, including \$308.0 million for the new projects. It assumes the issuance of \$34.8 million from revenue bonds, which would be supported by excess funds from the current two cents from the gas tax for previously issued Motor Fuel bonds.

Federal law requires that a statewide transportation improvement plan cover a period of no less than four years. In June 2021, the Department proposed its ten-year FY 2022 through FY 2031 plan, which went through the planning process and was adopted in September 2021. Annually, the Department will propose changes to the plan to make sure that projects are coordinated and that communities and constituents can have input. Subsequent to adopting the plan, on November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law. It authorizes the Federal-Aid Highway Program for federal FY 2022 through FY 2026. It contains increased funding for surface transportation and establishes new grant programs. Rhode Island will receive an average of \$354 million annually. The increase from federal FY 2021 to FY 2022 is approximately \$103 million. On February 3, 2022, the Department proposed an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate funding received from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Governor recommends \$7,340.1 million from all sources for 12 approved projects. This includes \$3,258.2 million programmed for the five-year plan, which averages \$651.6 million annually. The recommendation is \$1,859.2 million less than requested, primarily reflecting the exclusion of prior year expenses. The Governor's revised budget transfers an additional \$242.4 million from surplus general revenues to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to enhance resources available for pay-go capital projects. The budget allocates \$182.4 million to transportation projects, including \$87.8 million to provide more years of state match for federal infrastructure funds, \$70.0 million to backfill lost toll revenues, and \$24.6 million for the impact of pausing the gas tax inflation indexing to avoid the scheduled 3-cent increase. The Governor does not recommend the issuance of new revenue bonds.

Commuter Rail (Fixed Guideway). The Department requests \$33.4 million from federal funds to be used in the five-year plan for the Commuter Rail Project. Phase I of the project involved the extension of commuter rail service south from Providence to the Rhode Island T.F. Green National Airport in Warwick and has been completed. Phase II extended commuter rail service 25 miles to the Wickford Junction station. The project cost of \$97.3 million is \$14.9 million more than the approved plan, including \$5.3 million of new funding programmed in FY 2028. The request includes \$3.9 million from federal funds for the Department to oversee a Ferry Boat program, which is formula-based and funds are used for ferry terminal facilities. The request includes \$7.2 million annually from FY 2023 through FY 2026 from the Federal Transit Administration's annual allocation for transit projects; \$2.4 million more than the approved plan, reflecting additional funding authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Department indicates that it is waiting on federal guidance to compile a list of transit projects. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of removing \$10.4 million of prior year expenses.*

Highway Improvement Program. The Department requests \$2,943.7 million from all sources for Highway Improvement Program expenditures to be used in the five-year period, for project costs of \$8,195.8 million. This assumes an average annual outlay of \$588.7 million. The request is \$147.6 million more than the approved plan, including \$119.2 million from federal funds and \$34.8 million from revenue bonds. The bonds would be supported by excess funds from the current two cents from the gas tax for previously issued Motor Fuel bonds, which will be fully paid in FY 2027. The annual debt service would be \$2.9 million, assuming a 2.75 percent interest rate and a 15-year term; the projected excess amount is \$3.5 million in FY 2023. Expenditures in the approved plan were also revised, reflecting project delays and updated construction schedules. It had assumed use of \$40.0 million in FY 2022 from general obligation bonds, as part of the \$71.7 million bond referendum approved by the voters in March 2021. These expenses were revised to include \$24.3 million in FY 2023, \$14.0 million in FY 2024, and \$1.7 million in FY 2025.

The Highway Improvement Program represents those highway and intermodal projects that utilize federal funds administered by the Federal Highway Administration. The program utilizes state funds for matching purposes in the form of proceeds from general obligation bonds, Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and resources from the Highway Maintenance Account. The Program implements the Department's capital program and includes 398 of the 460 projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Program. Of those, 398 are included in the Highway Improvement Program. Expenditures for 15 projects account for \$1,282.0 million, including \$215.5 million for the Providence Viaduct Northbound, \$196.9 million for the Route 146 Reconstruction and \$143.0 million for the Route 6/10 Bridge Reconstruction.

The Governor recommends \$2,996.0 million in the five-year period for project costs of \$6,715.5 million. Funding in the five-year plan is \$52.3 million more than requested, including \$68.9 million less from tolls, offset by \$152.4 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to provide more years of state match for federal infrastructure funds and to backfill lost toll revenues. It also includes \$3.6 million more from the Highway Maintenance Account, reflecting available resources.

Information Technology Investment Strategy. The Department requests \$21.8 million from all sources, of which \$15.1 million will be used from FY 2023 through FY 2028 to fund information technology projects. Projects include ongoing replacement of personal computers, server blades, and maintenance agreements for its asset management system. It also includes annual software maintenance expenses for several projects, including e-construction and upgrading the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management to allow the automation of prompt payment. The request is \$6.0 million more than the approved plan, including \$0.6 million for a stormwater e-permitting system in order to produce reports relating to the Consent Decree with the U. S. Department of Justice. The Department is coordinating this project with the Department of Environmental Management and the Coastal Resources Management Council. It also includes \$2.0 million for a geographic information system, supporting the Traffic Management Center's multiple cameras and other operations. Expenditures for previously approved projects were also revised, reflecting updated annual software maintenance expenses. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of removing \$1.7 million of prior year expenses.*

Maintenance Facility Improvements. The Department requests \$4.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the five-year period, to make repairs at its seven maintenance facilities throughout the state and its headquarters in Warwick. Improvements include pavement repair, replacement and repairs of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, a roof, and improvements to windows and garage doors at several facilities. The project cost of \$12.0 million is \$5.7 million more than the approved plan, including \$1.5 million to make structural improvements to the Warren Facility, and \$3.5 million to construct three cold storage garages in Warwick, Portsmouth, and East Providence to store equipment. It should be noted that the Department submitted another project requesting \$28.0 million to build a new maintenance facility behind its current maintenance headquarters in Warwick to include office space for additional in-house maintenance staff and garage space to house vehicles and equipment.

It should also be noted the Statewide Facility Master Plan in the Department of Administration's budget includes \$0.5 million in FY 2023 for a consolidated garage feasibility study. Both the Department of Transportation and the Division of Motor Vehicles had previously requested funding for garages and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority submitted a request to the Federal Transit Authority to make renovations to its garage.

The Governor recommends project costs of \$7.6 million, \$4.4 million less than requested, which excludes \$1.3 million of prior year expenses and new expenses for the cold garages.

Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station. Consistent with the approved plan, the Department requests \$5.1 million from all sources for FY 2023 for a new commuter rail station on the Pawtucket/Central Falls border. In July 2016, the Department received notification that a \$13.1 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration for the station had been secured; funding for the project also includes \$5.4 million from local matching funds and \$2.1 million from land sale receipts. The project's infrastructure will include two platforms, a pedestrian overpass, bus drop-off access, pedestrian access and parking; expenditures for the construction of 200 parking spaces are funded with general obligation bond proceeds as part of the Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure project. The station is intended to be served by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority along its Providence line, connecting Pawtucket/Central Falls to Providence and Boston. Since 2001, the Pawtucket Foundation has been investigating the potential for a multi-modal transportation center to be located on the site of the existing 1926 Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station, which has been out of service since the 1960s.

The project was scheduled to be completed in July 2022; it has now been extended to December 2022. The request of \$65.6 million is \$7.5 million more than the approved plan, which appears to have overstated prior year expenses. The Department subsequently notes that the total project cost should be \$58.0 million, consistent with what is included in the latest RhodeWorks report. *The Governor recommends \$59.5 million,*

\$6.0 million less than requested to adjust for overstated expenses. The station became operational on January 23.

Train Station Maintenance and Repairs. The Department requests \$2.7 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the five-year period for repairs at four train stations: Woonsocket, Kingston, Wickford Junction and Westerly. The Kingston and Westerly stations are currently active, while the Woonsocket station serves as a bus depot. The Maintenance Division is responsible for these facilities. Funding would be used for asset protection projects, such as roof and window repairs, painting, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades. The project cost of \$4.5 million is \$1.0 million more than the approved plan. This includes annual funding of \$0.5 million in FY 2028 and adds \$0.5 million from FY 2024 through FY 2027 for previously approved projects in the Westerly Station and asset protection funding for the newly constructed Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station. Expenditures have averaged \$134,994 annually in the last five fiscal years. *The Governor recommends \$4.2 million, or \$0.3 million less than the request for FY 2024 through FY 2025.*

Bike Path Facilities Maintenance. The Department requests \$0.4 million annually from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in the five-year period to repave bike paths throughout the state. The Department notes that no major replacement has occurred since some of the bike paths were constructed more than 20 years ago. Through an agreement, the Department of Environmental Management maintains the bike paths and performs minor repairs; larger scale improvements, such as repaving, are the responsibilities of the Department of Transportation. The Department notes that it has received complaints that certain sections of the paths are deteriorating, and certain areas have become almost impassable. The request of \$3.2 million is consistent with the approved plan, with the exception of including \$0.4 million for FY 2028. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of removing \$0.4 million of prior year expenses.*

Capital Equipment Replacement. The Department requests \$85.6 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and gasoline tax proceeds to replace capital equipment, including heavy trucks, sweepers, loaders, backhoes and tractors to replace the Maintenance Division's existing fleet. The request includes \$42.0 million in the five-year period, essentially consistent with the approved plan and adds \$8.4 million for FY 2028. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of removing \$1.0 million of prior year expenses.*

Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure. In 2014, the voters approved a \$35.0 million general obligation bond referendum to be used to expand and improve the state's transit hubs located at the Providence Amtrak station, Kennedy Plaza and the proposed Garrahy Courthouse parking complex. Since approval of the bond funds, several requests for proposals have been issued and through FY 2022, \$5.0 million has been spent; however, the Department's request overstates prior year expenses by \$1.2 million. Consistent with the approved plan, the request assumes use of \$5.0 million to construct a parking lot for the Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station project, and \$5.3 million to match a federal discretionary grant to repair the Providence Train Station. The remaining \$19.8 million is for the Dorrance Street Transit Center project, which will relocate some of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's bus hub activities. The Authority's capital budget request assumes use of \$21.0 million from the bond proceeds for the project.

On January 17, 2023, the Authority submitted a request for proposals for the design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of the new transit center. It will be accepting bids through April 17, and anticipates awarding the project in the spring. *The Governor concurs with the total approved amount; however, expenditures were reprogrammed reflecting an updated plan.*

Salt Storage Facilities. The Department requests \$15.3 million from all sources, of which \$6.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds will be used in the five-year period for the construction of salt storage facilities at various locations statewide where salt is stored uncovered. There are 23 salt storage facilities throughout the state. Of these sites, four remain without an enclosed facility, resulting in a negative impact on both the environment as well as operational efficiency. This project was originally developed to address

the uncovered salt pile issue, which was significant at the time due to the number of uncovered facilities. The plan has evolved to include building numerous covered structures to house road salt, with the eventual goal of eliminating all open area storage facilities; five sites have been closed. The request is \$1.5 million more than the approved plan, reflecting annual funding programmed in FY 2028 for the Hope Valley Facility. It should be noted that the Department submitted a separate project requesting \$80,000 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a new salt storage shed facility on Block Island. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of excluding \$3.0 million of prior year expenses and adding \$80,000 in FY 2024 for the salt storage shed on Block Island as part of this project.*

State Funded Capital Improvements. The request includes project costs of \$352.6 million from the Highway Maintenance Account, of which \$161.0 million will be used in the five-year period for project expenses such as road and bridge repairs, and highway drainage improvements pursuant to a consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice. Historically, these capital expenses were shown as part of the Highway Improvement Program; however, the Governor's FY 2022 budget presented this as a stand-alone project, which is intended to show improvements that do not qualify for federal match. The request is \$11.0 million more than the approved plan for FY 2026 through FY 2028 for highway drainage improvements. The Department is currently required by a consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice to maintain storm drains and address pollutants that are going into the Narragansett Bay and other waterways. *The Governor recommends \$309.2 million, or \$43.5 million less than requested. This includes the removal of \$38.5 million of prior year expenses.*

Welcome Center Improvements. The Department requests \$2.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, highway maintenance funds, and gasoline tax proceeds, of which \$1.7 million will be used in the five-year period to renovate the Welcome Center facility in Richmond. Funds of \$0.4 million in FY 2023 will be used to install a new well system per Department of Health requirements and other projects. The Department reopened the facility in May 2016 with portable restrooms and in October 2022, it opened the indoor facilities, which is in need of restroom renovations, roof repair, upgrading the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and a new filtration system. The request is \$0.2 million more than the approved plan, reflecting annual funding programmed in FY 2028. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of removing \$0.3 million of prior year expenses.*

Block Island Facility and Salt Storage. The Department requests \$4.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, of which \$80,000 would be used in FY 2023 for a salt storage shed facility. The request also includes \$3.9 million in FY 2024 to build a maintenance facility on state-owned space on Block Island. The current facility is more than 90 years old, and a facility condition assessment conducted in 2017 revealed many deficiencies, including the automatic fire suppression system. Through a memorandum of agreement, the state transferred all maintenance responsibilities of state-owned roads on Block Island to the Town of New Shoreham. The ten-year agreement is in effect through June 30, 2024. The Department pays the town \$0.4 million annually for services, including snow removal, de-icing, litter removal, mowing grass and cleaning of sidewalks. *The Governor does not recommend this project; however, the recommendation includes the requested \$80,000 in FY 2024 for the salt storage shed as part of the Salt Storage Facilities project.*

Discretionary Grant Match. The Department requests \$176.0 million from a source not yet identified to be used from FY 2025 through FY 2028 for the match requirement of federal discretionary grants. Discretionary grant funds allow the Department to advance and or to enhance a project by adding traffic improvements, transit features or security measures. Subsequently, the Department indicates that this request is intended to include all of its state match shortfall, not limited to discretionary grants. The 2021 Assembly provided the Department with an additional \$53.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds based on a review of the current shortfall in match for numerous discretionary grants. This includes \$28.5 million for FY 2022 and \$25.0 million for FY 2023. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, authorized in November 2021 provided the Department with an additional \$574.5 million of formula funds through

federal FY 2026. This would require a state match of \$114.9 million. The 2022 Assembly concurred with the Governor's recommendation to transfer \$100.0 million to the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund to match additional federal funds for two years and allocated \$75.3 million to the Department. The act also authorized several competitive grant programs for which a match would also be required. The Department notes the state would be more competitive when applying for discretionary grant funds if the 20.0 percent match was already available.

The 2021 Assembly adopted legislation requiring the Department to report, on a quarterly basis, a list of all federal, discretionary, and any other grants that it has applied for and to identify any changes from its prior report. For grants that require a state match, the Department must identify if the source for the state's match is available under currently authorized funding. The July 2022 Quarterly RhodeWorks Report identified two grant applications pending, requiring \$5.2 million for match. This includes \$0.2 million for safety projects and \$5.0 million for Rebuilding the East Avenue Corridor. It should be noted that this was the second time the Department submitted a grant application for the latter project; it was recently notified that funding was not approved. The report also noted an upcoming grant application for the I-95 Missing Move and Quonset Ramps Construction for which the state match would be \$16.2 million. The Department had previously submitted a grant application for this project; however, funding was not awarded.

The Governor does not recommend funding this project. However, as previously noted, the recommendation includes additional resources from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds of \$87.8 million to provide more years of state match for federal infrastructure funds.

Maintenance Facility - 360 Lincoln Avenue. The Department requests \$28.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to build a new maintenance facility behind its current maintenance headquarters in Warwick. The facility will include office space for additional in-house maintenance staff and garage space to house vehicles and equipment that the Department has and will acquire. On a temporary basis, the Department leased a 33,000 square foot building in Providence; however, at \$0.6 million annually, it indicates that it is not cost effective to keep the lease, which expires on September 30, 2024. The Department is in the process of acquiring that facility. Its operating budget, which was submitted subsequent to the capital budget includes \$8.0 million from gasoline tax proceeds to purchase the facility.

The Department previously requested this project; however, neither the Governor nor the Assembly concurred. In addition to its headquarters, the Department has seven maintenance facilities throughout the state. It should be noted that the Maintenance Facility Improvements project request includes \$3.5 million to construct three 5,000 square foot cold storage garages in Warwick, Portsmouth, and East Providence to store equipment. *The Governor does not recommend funding this project.*

Statewide Pavement. The Department requests new expenditures of \$20.0 million annually in the five-year period from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for a statewide pavement program. Work would include pavement resurfacing, crack sealing, and micro surfacing of state-owned roads. The Department previously requested this project; however, neither the Governor, nor the Assembly concurred. It should be noted that the requested amount is in addition to \$726.2 million of pavement projects included in the amended ten-year Transportation Improvement Program. When the plan was adopted in September 2021, it had included \$649.5 million for pavement projects. The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act adopted in November 2021 authorized additional funding for transportation; the Transportation Improvement Program was amended in February 2022 to include an additional \$76.7 million for pavement projects. Expenditures in the first four years of the plan averages \$103.3 million annually. *The Governor does not recommend funding this project.*

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Land and Buildings	Revised	\$ 175,847,489	\$ 276,800,997
Paratransit Vehicles	Revised	20,246,152	36,388,612
Bus Purchases	Ongoing	108,942,991	208,703,474
College Hill Bus Tunnel	Ongoing	8,000,000	9,592,045
Enterprise Software	Ongoing	2,000,000	3,583,070
Farebox Upgrade	Ongoing	-	6,384,866
Information Technology Redundancy	Ongoing	1,000,000	1,860,000
Pawtucket Bus Hub Passenger Facility	Ongoing	1,000,000	5,000,000
Pawtucket Bus Hub and Transit Corridor	Ongoing	-	8,609,536
Providence High-Capacity Transit Corridor Study	Ongoing	-	1,225,000
Providence Transit Connector	Ongoing	-	16,805,756
URI Mobility Hub	Ongoing	3,295,523	8,795,523
Warwick Bus Hub	Ongoing	-	1,300,000
Total		\$ 320,332,155	\$ 585,048,879
Sources of Funds			
Federal Funds		\$ 277,293,025	\$ 481,882,399
Highway Maintenance Account		20,912,888	25,875,080
Local Funds		-	1,985,630
Other		-	8,427,200
Paratransit Revolving Fund		4,049,230	14,261,970
Rhode Island Capital Funds		15,877,012	39,115,804
RIPTA Operating Funds		2,200,000	11,135,209
RIPTA Revolving Loan Funds		-	2,365,587
Total		\$ 320,332,155	\$ 585,048,879

Summary. The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority requests \$441.9 million for the five-year period for total project costs of \$740.2 million. Funding in the five-year plan includes \$354.2 million, or 80.2 percent from federal funds; \$83.3 million or 18.8 percent of the required match is included from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds and the Department of Transportation's share of highway maintenance funds. The request is for 17 projects; three of which are new. It is \$77.5 million more than the approved plan, including \$67.7 million for new projects, and \$21.0 million from approved general obligation bonds for a project that was previously under the purview of the Department of Transportation.

The Governor recommends total project costs of \$585.0 million, of which \$320.3 million will be used in the FY 2024 to FY 2028 period for 13 approved projects. This is \$155.2 million less than requested; however, adjusting for \$22.0 million from approved general obligation bond proceeds that are included in the Department of Transportation's budget, the recommendation is \$133.2 million less, and does not fund new projects.

Land and Buildings. The Authority requests \$200.2 million in the five-year period to improve security at its Elmwood facilities, provide upgrades to various transit hubs and park and ride facilities while also making multi-year improvements to bus stops, sidewalks and transit hubs. These upgrades would include

increased security measures, crack repair, and repaving work. The total project cost of \$301.8 million is \$47.8 million less than the approved plan, including \$22.1 million more from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, offset by \$69.8 million less from federal funds, primarily to reflect exclusion of discretionary grant funds that have not been awarded. Specific projects have not been identified. The Authority is in the process of assessing all its facilities and from that it will finalize its asset management plan. *The Governor recommends \$276.8 million from all sources, or \$25.0 million less than requested. This includes \$24.3 million less from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, essentially consistent with the approved plan.*

Paratransit Vehicles. The Authority requests \$20.2 million from all funds to be used in the five-year period to replace 130 paratransit vehicles. Its fleet currently includes 104 vehicles, as well as spare vehicles which are used to allow for unscheduled repairs and preventive maintenance. The Authority notes that the current fleet plan calls for purchase of smaller vehicles with gasoline engines. In 2019 and 2020, it purchased five Dodge Caravans and 25 Ford Transit vans. The Authority is tracking the performance of these smaller vans. The request of \$38.6 million is \$10.0 million more than the approved plan, including \$8.0 million from federal funds and \$0.4 million less from the Authority's sources. The project was revised to include \$2.4 million for matching funds from the Department of Transportation's share of highway maintenance funds. The Authority requested a similar project last year. The Assembly concurred with the Governor's recommendation to maintain Authority sources for the project. The recommendation assumes use of Authority sources for the match. *The Governor recommends \$36.4 million, which is \$2.2 million less than requested, reflecting the exclusion of prior year expenses; it sources for the match.*

Bus Purchases. The Authority requests \$142.0 million from all sources in the five-year period to replace 120 buses, or approximately half of its fleet. The Authority indicates these buses being replaced have or will have exceeded their useful lives, which is defined by Federal Transit Administration regulations and varies depending on the type of vehicle. In FY 2022, the Authority replaced 24 fixed route buses and 10 flex vehicles. In FY 2023, it purchased 26 buses, with 14 of them being electric. The request inadvertently omitted \$0.9 million in FY 2023 for five flex vehicles.

The request of \$245.9 million is \$27.4 million more than the approved plan; it excludes \$24.2 million of prior year expenses and adds a total of \$51.7 million to reflect the incremental costs to purchase electric buses in lieu of diesel. This is estimated at \$10 million annually. The request assumes \$31.5 million from the Department of Transportation's share of the Highway Maintenance Account for match to purchase buses. This is \$7.5 million more than the approved plan, reflecting the Authority's updated replacement plan. It should be noted that the Department of Transportation's share of the highway maintenance funds are fully allocated for projects in the Transportation Improvement Program. *The Governor recommends total project costs of \$208.7 million, which is \$37.2 million less than requested. This reflects the exclusion of \$4.2 million of prior year expenses and none of the \$32.0 million requested for FY 2028, pending a long-term transportation funding proposal.*

College Hill Bus Tunnel. Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requests \$9.6 million, including \$1.9 million from its sources to match federal funds to make structural and drainage repairs, and safety improvements to the College Hill Bus Tunnel. According to the Authority, more than 300 trips are made daily through the tunnel, which was built in 1914 and was last renovated in 1992. Construction is expected to be completed in FY 2025. *The Governor concurs.*

Enterprise Software. Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requests \$3.6 million to replace its current financial tracking system in order to address shortfalls in financial data quality, processing, and monitoring. Total funding includes 80.0 percent from Federal Transit Administration funds matched with 20.0 percent from Authority sources. The Authority is required to acquire an asset management system to implement requirements set by the Federal Transit Administration, including detailed records on revenue vehicle maintenance to ensure that acquired assets are properly maintained. The Authority must perform adequate maintenance to ensure that vehicles will reach their full useful lives. Additionally, the Authority

must report annually on its assets to the National Transit Database and determine what percentage of assets are not in a state of good repair, and how it plans to address that. *The Governor concurs.*

Farebox Upgrade. The Authority requests \$6.4 million, including \$5.1 million or 80.0 percent from federal funds and the remaining funds from its sources to be used through FY 2023 to upgrade its farebox system. The goal of the project is threefold: speed up boarding time, reduce maintenance expenses on current fareboxes, and provide easier and more forms of fare payment. The Authority noted that these technologies would reduce the amount of cash collected and decrease the use of mechanical components in the farebox, which requires unscheduled maintenance. In November 2021, the Authority transitioned to paperless fare products. The project is essentially complete and the request includes \$0.3 million for FY 2023. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Information Technology Redundancy. The Authority requests \$1.9 million to be used through FY 2024 to provide backup and disaster recovery for its computerized systems. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$1.5 million or 80.0 percent from federal funds and the remaining funds from the Authority's operating sources. The Authority is investigating solutions to protect its data by providing offsite redundancy in the case of electrical failure or other conditions that could lead to the loss of stored data and system functionality. *The Governor concurs.*

Pawtucket Bus Hub Passenger Facility. Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requests \$5.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, including \$4.0 million in FY 2023 and \$1.0 million in FY 2024 for the Pawtucket Bus Hub Passenger Facility. Funds will be used to enhance a transit hub project that is being constructed adjacent to the new commuter rail station on the Pawtucket/Central Falls line. Subsequently, the Authority indicates that the project timeline will likely be extended a year and expenditures would be \$0.5 million each in FY 2023 and FY 2025, and \$4.0 million in FY 2024. *The Governor recommends funding consistent with the approved plan. Subsequently, the Budget Office indicates it will review the project timeline with the Authority.*

Pawtucket Bus Hub and Transit Corridor. The Authority requests total project costs of \$7.4 million from all sources, including \$5.9 million from federal funds to build a transit hub adjacent to the new commuter rail station on the Pawtucket/Central Falls border. The project includes bus berths, shelters, real-time bus information, ticket vending machines, and waiting space. The City of Pawtucket contributed \$236,000 and the remaining match of \$1.3 million is from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds. Construction is underway and is expected to be completed by December 2022. The request is \$1.2 million less than the approved plan, reflecting the exclusion of prior year expenses. *The Governor recommends total funding consistent with the approved plan.*

Providence High-Capacity Transit Corridor Study. Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requests \$1.2 million from all sources, including \$1.0 million from federal funds and \$0.2 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to conduct a study for the construction of a Providence High-Capacity Transit Corridor. This project is part of the Authority's Transit Forward RI 2040 Plan, which is designed to enhance mobility and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan was adopted by the State Planning Council in December 2020. The project is envisioned to connect Downtown Providence with low-income and high-minority neighborhoods. The Authority indicates that the study will also assess the costs, benefits, and design concepts. *The Governor concurs.*

Providence Transit Connector. The request includes \$2.6 million from all sources in FY 2023, including \$2.0 million from federal funds for a total project cost of \$20.1 million to improve the transit corridor between Kennedy Plaza, the Providence Train Station, and other hubs. The City of Providence was the original recipient of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant, and the Authority agreed to administer the project, with the state providing the match. The request is consistent with the

approved plan. The project is complete; funds budgeted in FY 2023 are for outstanding invoices. *The Governor concurs, with the exception of removing \$3.2 million from prior year expenses.*

URI Mobility Hub. The Authority requests a total of \$8.8 million from all funds, including \$7.0 million from federal sources to construct a new bus hub at the University of Rhode Island Kingston Campus, consistent with the approved plan. The project will create a mobility hub for the campus that will allow for improved access within and around the campus by bus, bike, or foot. The project includes six to eight bus berths with shelters, interior waiting space, restrooms, electric charging stations, and bicycle racks. Matching funds include \$0.9 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, \$0.5 million from highway maintenance funds, and \$0.4 million from the University of Rhode Island. The request assumes use of \$5.5 million in FY 2023 and \$3.3 million in FY 2024. Subsequent to its budget submission, the Authority indicates \$2.0 million requested in FY 2024 to purchase buses should be advanced to FY 2023, reflecting an updated timeline. *The Governor recommends this as originally requested.*

Warwick Bus Hub. Consistent with the approved plan, the Authority requests \$1.3 million from all funds, including \$0.3 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds to match federal funds to construct a new bus hub to serve the Community College's Knight Campus in Warwick. The new bus hub will include benches, shelters, real-time arrival signs, lighting, roadway and landscaping improvements. The Authority anticipates engineering work being done by December 2022, and construction would start in summer 2023. *The Governor concurs.*

265 Melrose Rehabilitation. The Authority requests \$27.6 million from all sources to rehabilitate the 72,000 square foot facility on Melrose Street, which houses a vehicle maintenance garage and office space. The building was constructed in 1922 and the Authority purchased it in 1966. The request assumes \$22.1 million from a federal discretionary grant, which has not been secured and \$5.5 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for the required match. The project will include a new employee training facility, exterior finishes, electrical upgrades, and replacing elevators. The Authority indicates that the facility has remained largely unoccupied since administrative functions were relocated to the Elmwood Avenue building in 2010. In 2021, the Authority submitted a grant application for this project; however, the Federal Transit Administration did not approve funding. The Authority resubmitted an application that was also denied. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Bus Shelters. The request includes new expenditures of \$24.0 million from a federal discretionary grant, which has not been secured and \$6.0 million, the required match from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds, to add and replace a total of 600 bus shelters statewide. This equates to \$50,000 per bus shelter. The Authority has 300 existing shelters, which it indicates are more than 20 years old; the Federal Transit Administration's standard is 15 years. It further notes that replacing these shelters would provide enhanced amenities for passengers to make transit more attractive. It should be noted that the Authority plans to replace its existing shelters over time; however, this request would expedite the replacement plan. The Authority also requested this project last year. *The Governor does not recommend funding, as the grant was not awarded.*

Rapid Bus Network. The Authority requests \$10.1 million from all sources, including \$8.0 million from federal funds and \$2.0 million from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for project planning, development and engineering costs for establishing a Rapid Bus Network system. This type of system is designed to avoid the causes of delays because dedicated lanes are provided for buses. Specifically, the Authority is looking at its six highest use routes: Elmwood Avenue, Broadway/Manton, Cranston Street, Chalkstone Avenue, Beverage Hill/East Providence, and Hope/Dyer-Pocasset. The Authority notes that increasing transit services along these corridors will increase its ridership by more than 60 percent. Future costs for implementation, including land acquisition would be determined once planning is complete. Subsequent to its budget submission, the Authority indicates that the Federal Transit Administration did not approve funding for the project. *The Governor does not recommend funding.*

Dorrance Street Transit Center. In 2014, the voters approved a \$35.0 million general obligation bond referendum to be used to expand and improve the state's transit hubs located at the Providence Amtrak station, Kennedy Plaza and the Garrahy Courthouse parking complex. Since approval of the bond funds, several requests for proposals have been issued and \$5.0 million has been spent through FY 2022. Another \$10.3 million is included in the Department of Transportation's capital budget for two projects: \$5.3 million to match a federal discretionary grant to repair the Providence Train Station and \$5.0 million to construct 200 parking spaces for the Pawtucket/Central Falls Train Station project. This leaves a balance of \$19.8 million.

The Authority's request includes \$21.0 million in FY 2023 from the approved bonds to create a new intermodal transit facility on Dorraance Street, which would include restrooms, interior waiting space, customer service center, ticket vending machines, retail and dining space. The Authority notes that the location is preferable due to the proximity to the core of downtown, including the Jewelry and Hospital districts. The project is in the preliminary phase and the Authority is coordinating with the Department of Transportation on a public-private partnership for the development of the project. The Authority notes that this structure would ensure long-term viability, including maintenance and daily operations of the facility. On January 17, 2023, the Authority submitted a request for proposals for the design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of the new transit center. It will be accepting bids through April 17, and anticipates awarding the project in the spring.

The Governor recommends \$22.0 million from general obligation bonds; expenses are included in the Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure Project in the Department of Transportation's budget.

Rhode Island Airport Corporation

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Outlying General Airports Improvements	Revised	\$ 59,861,500	\$ 68,953,700
T.F. Green Airport General Improvements	Revised	243,183,779	255,144,400
Total		\$ 303,045,279	\$ 324,098,100
Sources of Funds			
Agency Funds		\$ -	\$ 938,400
Federal Funds		137,018,051	149,636,430
Other Funds		149,148,000	155,197,000
Passenger Facility Charges		16,879,228	18,326,270
Total		\$ 303,045,279	\$ 324,098,100

Summary. The Rhode Island Airport Corporation requests capital expenditures of \$324.1 million, including \$303.0 million during the five-year period for two projects. The request is \$185.8 million more than the approved plan, including \$161.0 million to construct a cargo building, hangar, and surface parking lot; this appears to assume use of \$116.0 million from new revenue bonds, which requires Assembly approval. *The Governor recommends funding as requested. Legislation for the General Assembly to authorize the debt was not submitted as part of the recommended budget.*

Outlying General Airports Improvements. The Corporation requests project costs of \$69.0 million from all sources, of which \$68.0 million will be used from FY 2023 through FY 2026 to make improvements at the Corporation's five general aviation airports, including rehabilitation to runways, taxiways and aircraft parking aprons. The request is \$50.4 million more than the approved plan, to primarily include a \$57.0 million joint project with the Rhode Island Air National Guard for the reconstruction of runway 16/34 at Quonset. The National Guard's portion of the project cost is \$25.8 million. The remaining \$11.9 million is for seven projects at Westerly, Quonset, and Block Island.

The request does not include any expenditures beyond FY 2026. The Corporation indicates that the capital budget is based on a "tentative plan," while studies are being conducted, and it is meeting with town and stakeholders regarding future projects. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

T.F. Green Airport General Improvements. The Corporation requests \$243.2 million to be used from FY 2024 through FY 2027 for general improvement components at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport. This appears to include \$116.0 million from revenue bonds that would need to be authorized by the General Assembly, \$113.9 million from federal funds, \$0.9 million from the Corporation's sources, and \$17.2 million from passenger facility charges. Passenger facility charges are generated from a \$4.50 charge on all enplaned passengers, and can only be used for certain projects deemed eligible by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The request of \$255.1 million is \$135.4 million more than the approved plan, including \$161.0 million to construct a cargo building, hangar, and surface parking lot. The Corporation notes that the current site is used as a parking lot and houses some of its operations. As part of its FY 2023 through FY 2027 capital budget, the Corporation requested \$38.0 million from the state's allocation of the federal Capital Projects Fund authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act for new utility connections and grading improvements to ready a parcel at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport for future development.

The estimated \$100 million cost for construction was not included in the request. The Governor did not recommend funding and the Assembly concurred.

The request is for 41 projects, which are grouped into three categories. This includes \$218.2 million for airside projects such as the reconstruction of runways 16/34 and 5/23; \$32.7 million for terminal/landside projects, including terminal and restroom renovations, roof replacement, and security projects; and \$4.2 million for all other projects. The Corporation is in the process of updating its master plan and conducting a strategic business plan and indicates that based on these plans, the capital improvement plan will be updated. It notes that the requested projects are necessary to maintain operations of the airport and to meet Federal Aviation Administration standards and regulations. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority

Projects	Status	5 Year Total	Project Total
Mount Hope Bridge	Revised	\$ 75,886,000	\$ 96,754,000
Newport Pell Bridge	Revised	48,351,000	113,207,000
Administrative Facilities Asset Protection	Ongoing	476,000	752,000
Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge	Ongoing	3,320,111	13,057,111
Minor Bridges	Ongoing	2,053,000	2,197,000
Route 138 Connector Highway	Ongoing	3,401,000	3,401,000
Sakonnet River Bridge	Ongoing	2,549,000	3,863,000
Total		\$ 136,036,111	\$ 233,231,111
Sources of Funds			
Revenue Bonds		\$ 136,036,111	\$ 233,231,111
Total		\$ 136,036,111	\$ 233,231,111

Summary. The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority requests \$136.0 million from revenue bonds in the five-year period, for project costs of \$233.2 million. The request is \$146.8 million more than the approved plan, primarily to reflect new revenue bonds that would need to be authorized by the General Assembly for the Mount Hope and Newport Pell bridges. Subsequent to submitting its capital budget request, the Authority was awarded an \$82.5 million federal grant for the Newport Pell Bridge project and indicates that the amount of borrowing requested will need to be revisited. *The Governor recommends funding as originally requested.*

Mount Hope Bridge. The Authority requests \$96.8 million from revenue bonds, of which \$75.9 million would be used in the five-year period, to make structural improvements to the Mount Hope Bridge, which connects Portsmouth with Bristol. The request is \$74.8 million more than the approved plan primarily to reflect new revenue bonds that would be backed by toll revenues. This includes \$35.0 million to install a dehumidification system to prevent corrosion in the wires that support the bridge. It also includes \$29.0 million for deck replacement and \$11.0 million for painting of the steel structure and other projects. It should be noted that the Authority submitted an application through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant Program for \$25.0 million; if awarded, the amount needed from revenue bonds would be lower. Subsequently, the Authority noted that the grant was not awarded. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Newport Pell Bridge. The Authority requests \$113.2 million from revenue bonds to upgrade the Newport Pell Bridge. The request is \$71.1 million more than the approved plan, primarily to reflect new revenue bonds that would need to be authorized by the Assembly for project costs in FY 2025 through the out-years. Subsequent to submitting its capital budget request, the Authority was awarded an \$82.5 million federal grant to reconstruct the bridge, including deck replacement, installing a dehumidification system to reduce moisture to prevent corrosion; security improvements; and repairs to the tower elevators. It should be noted that the grant request was for \$137.5 million; the awarded amount funds 60.0 percent of the project cost. As with most transportation projects, a match is required. The Authority indicates that it will continue to seek additional federal funds for the project, which will reduce its share of the cost. *The Governor concurs; expenditures were not updated to reflect the new award. The Budget Office indicates that future requests will include the federal expense.*

Administrative Facilities Asset Protection. The Authority requests \$752,000 from revenue bonds for asset protection work at its administrative facilities. The total project cost is essentially consistent with the approved plan. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge. The Authority requests \$13.1 million from revenue bonds, or \$0.1 million more than the approved plan for asset protection work on the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge, including box girder repairs, joint repairs, and replacements. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Minor Bridges. Consistent with the approved plan, the request includes \$2.2 million from revenue bonds, of which \$2.1 million will be used in the five-year period for asset protection projects for ten minor bridges under its purview. The request includes \$1.5 million in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to repair the Hummocks Avenue Bridge in Portsmouth. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Route 138 Connector Highway. The Authority requests \$3.4 million from revenue bonds to be used in the five-year period for asset protection work, including replacement and rehabilitation of guardrails on the Route 138 Connector Highway in Jamestown. Other projects include drainage repair, restriping and crack sealing. The request is \$0.1 million less than the approved plan, reflecting the exclusion of prior year expenses. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*

Sakonnet River Bridge. The Authority requests \$2.5 million from revenue bonds to be used in the five-year period for asset protection of the Sakonnet River Bridge. Construction was completed in 2012 and the 2012 Assembly transferred the Sakonnet River Bridge to the Authority. The total request of \$3.9 million, is \$0.9 million more than the approved plan, reflecting expenses programmed in the out-years. *The Governor recommends funding as requested.*